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British Ordinary Shares of £1 each	1,600,000	—
	£7,600,000	£5,853,645

The Company has also issued and there is now outstanding £2,919,340 7 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock (of which £50,100 Stock was drawn on 10th September, 1930, for repayment on 30th September, 1930), but the whole amount of such Debenture Stock will be paid off by 30th September, 1931, out of the proceeds of this issue or satisfied by the issue of 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock, together with a cash payment, on the terms stated hereunder.

Issue of £3,500,000 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock at 98 per cent.

Upon the final redemption by 30th September, 1931, of the outstanding 7 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock, the 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock now offered will become and thereafter remain a First Mortgage Charge upon the specifically mortgaged assets referred to below and a Floating Charge upon all other assets for the time being of the Company.

OFFER TO HOLDERS OF 7 PER CENT. DEBENTURE STOCK.

Holders of 7 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock (except the Stock drawn for repayment on 30th September, 1930) have the right exercisable up to the 29th September, 1930, to convert their holdings into an equivalent amount of 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock, together with a cash payment of £4 per cent., in addition to the interest accrued up to the 30th September, 1930, on the Stock so converted.

TRUSTEES FOR THE DEBENTURE STOCKHOLDERS:
MIDLAND BANK EXECUTOR AND TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED.

DIRECTORS:
SIR HUGO HIRST, Bart., Chairman and Managing Director.
E. G. BYNG, Vice-Chairman. M. J. RAILING, Joint Managing Director.

ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN.	G. H. IDE.	H. W. ROBERTS.
J. Y. FLETCHER.	Maj.-General Hon. Sir NEWTON J. MOORE, K.C.M.G., M.P.	M. SOLOMON.
J. FRASER.		S D WHITE.
LESLIE C. GAMAGE.	Sir WILLIAM NOBLE	C. WILSON.
Sir J. P. HEWETT, G.C.S.I.	A. H. RAILING.	F. WINSTANLEY.

BANKERS:—MIDLAND BANK LIMITED, Head Office, Poultry, London, E.C.2, and Branches.
BROKERS.—ROWE, SWANN & CO., 24, Old Broad Street, and Stock Exchange, London, E.C.2.
SOLICITORS:—WILD, COLLINS & CROSSE, Kennan's House, Crown Court, Cheapside, London, E.C.2.
AUDITORS:—GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO., Chartered Accountants, Basildon House, Moorgate, London, E.C.2.
SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE:—LESLIE C. GAMAGE, Magnet House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

SECURITY.—The Stock will (after repayment of the £2,919,340 7 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock now outstanding) be specifically secured under the terms of the Trust Deed in favour of the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited, as Trustees, whereby the Stock will be constituted a Specific Mortgage upon the main part of the Company's freehold and leasehold properties, including fixed plant and machinery and a Floating Charge upon the remainder of the Company's undertaking, properties and assets, present and future, including uncalled capital. By the Trust Deed constituting the present issue the Company will covenant to deposit with the Trustees, out of the proceeds of the issue of the Stock, a sum in cash sufficient to redeem at 100 on 30th September, 1931, so much of the outstanding 7 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock as may not be converted into the 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock. The present issue will therefore in effect constitute a first mortgage or charge on the whole of the Company's property and assets other than the sum so deposited.

REDEMPTION.—The Debenture Stock, which is limited in amount to £3,500,000, will be redeemable at 100 per cent. by 30th September, 1967, by means of a Cumulative Sinking Fund of 1 per cent. per annum commencing in 1931 and operating by annual drawings at 100 per cent. or by purchase in the market or otherwise at or under 100 per cent. plus accrued interest. Any Stock not previously redeemed will be repayable on 30th September, 1967, at 100 per cent.

The Company will have the right on three months' notice, to expire on any interest payment date, to redeem the whole or any part of the Stock up to and including 30th September, 1937, at 105 per cent.; after 30th September, 1937, and up to and including 30th September, 1947, at 102 per cent.; and thereafter at 100 per cent. In the event of partial redemption the Stock to be redeemed will be selected by drawings.

In the event of voluntary liquidation of the Company for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction, the Stock will be repayable at the same premium as in the case of redemption by the Company under its option to redeem on three months' notice.

The Company will undertake that, without the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of a meeting of the 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stockholders, it will not create any mortgage or charge on any part of its undertaking, property or assets ranking *pari passu* with or in priority to the 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock other than charges (fixed or floating) on the assets covered by the Floating Charge in favour of Bankers to secure loans, credits or accommodation in the ordinary course of the Company's business.

REGISTERED STOCK. The Stock will be registered and transferable by deed in the common form in **TRANSFERS.** multiples of £10.

MIDLAND BANK LIMITED, Poultry, London, E.C.2, together with its affiliated Banks,
BELFAST BANKING COMPANY LIMITED, Waring Street, Belfast,
THE CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED, 30, St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, and
NORTH OF SCOTLAND BANK LIMITED, Castle Street, Aberdeen,

and their respective Branches, are authorised, as Bankers for the Company, to receive Applications for the above issue of £3,500,000 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock at the price of 98 per cent.

PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS: On application, £5 per £100 of Stock; on allotment, £20 per £100 of Stock; on Friday, 31st October, 1930, £20 per £100 of Stock; on Friday, 28th November, 1930, £20 per £100 of Stock; on Wednesday, 31st December, 1930, £33 per £100 of Stock—£98 per £100 of stock.

Applications (other than conversion applications) must be in multiples of £100 and be forwarded, accompanied by a cheque for the deposit of £5 per cent., to one of the Banks above-mentioned.

PAYMENT IN FULL.—Payment in full may be made on Allotment under discount at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, calculated on the amounts paid in advance of their due dates.

INTEREST.—Interest will be payable on the 31st March and 30th September in each year.

The first interest payment will be made on the 31st March, 1931, and in the case of:

(a) Stock issued in respect of cash applications, will be calculated on the amounts payable on application and allotment from the date of allotment and on the remaining instalments from the respective due dates for payment thereof.

(b) Stock issued in respect of conversion applications, will be for a full six months.

Applications from Shareholders of the Company and of its Subsidiary and Associated Companies, made on the special pink forms provided, will receive special consideration in allotment, if received before the closing of the List.

PROSPECTUS.

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS.—THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, which was registered in 1900, is one of the largest electrical manufacturing concerns in the British Empire, its operations covering the entire field of electrical engineering. It is able to cater for every detail of electrical equipment, and it is in the unique position of manufacturing within its own organisation every requisite for electrification schemes of any magnitude.

The Company has a vast group of factories situated in various parts of the country, and branches and agencies in Europe, Asia, Australasia, South America and Africa, the number of its employees now amounting to nearly 25,000.

The following are some of the principal trade investments of the Company:—

MANUFACTURING COMPANIES:—

CHAMBERLAIN & HOOKHAM, LIMITED.	PIRELLI-GENERAL CABLE WORKS, LIMITED.
EXPRESS LIFT COMPANY, LIMITED.	SALFORD ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENTS, LIMITED.
LAMP CAPS, LIMITED.	SIEMENS & GENERAL ELECTRIC RAILWAY SIGNAL COMPANY, LIMITED.
LEMINGTON GLASS WORKS, LIMITED.	
M-O. VALVE COMPANY, LIMITED.	
ORIENTAL TUBE COMPANY, LIMITED.	STEEL CONDUIT COMPANY, LIMITED.

TRADING COMPANIES:—

ANGLO-ARGENTINE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, OF CHINA, LIMITED.
BRITISH GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, AUSTRALIA.	GENERAL ELECTRIC DE FRANCE, LIMITED.
	GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY (INDIA), LIMITED
BRITISH GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, SOUTH AFRICA.	RELIANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUPPLY COMPANIES:—

FRINTON-ON-SEA AND DISTRICT ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.	THE ELECTRICITY COMPANY OF MACCLESFIELD, LIMITED.
MADEIRA ELECTRIC LIGHTING COMPANY (1909), LIMITED.	

OBJECTS OF PRESENT ISSUE.—The purpose of the present issue is to provide for the redemption of the 7 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock outstanding, and also to provide additional capital for the development and expansion of the Company's business.

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.—The Assets of the Company, as shown by its audited Balance Sheet, as at 31st March, 1930, were as follows:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Freehold and Leasehold Land and Buildings at Cost, *less* Depreciation		3,352,979 15 0
Fixed Plant and Machinery at Cost, *less* Depreciation		934,301 6 9
Loose Plant, Tools, Patterns and Sundry Utensils		1 0 0
Fixtures and Installations		1 0 0
Goodwill and Patents		1 0 0
Loans and Current Accounts, *less* Reserves—Subsidiary Companies and Associated Companies		1,285,803 17 11
Sundry Debtors (after making provision for Doubtful Debts)		2,050,402 17 1
Stock in Trade and Work in Progress		2,247,551 1 6
Investments at Cost, *less* Amounts written off and Reserves:—		
Shares in Subsidiary Companies	1,091,721 18 9	
Debentures in Subsidiary Companies	34,000 0 0	
Shares and Debentures in Associated Companies	318,535 5 0	
Other Investments	205,475 0 6	
		1,649,732 4 3
British and Colonial Government Securities		1,079,521 17 7
Cash at Bankers, on Deposit and Current Account, and in hand		313,777 10 8
TOTAL		£12,914,073 10 9
Deduct—	£ s. d.	
Amounts owing to Subsidiary Companies (*less* Dividends)	201,248 3 4	
Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances	1,884,914 14 2	
Dividend and Bonus for year to 31st March, 1930	315,510 6 0	
		2,401,673 3 6
Leaving Net Assets of		£10,512,400 7 3
Add—		
Surplus from present issue after conversion or repayment of 7 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock and payment of expenses of issue, say		400,000 0 0
TOTAL ASSETS		£10,912,400 7 3

COVER (PRINCIPAL).—The above amount (which includes virtually no allowance for the valuable Goodwill and Patents; Loose Plant, Tools, Patterns and Sundry Utensils; and Fixtures and Installations) is sufficient to cover the Stock now offered more than three times.

The Company has followed a conservative financial policy, and the Reserve Account now amounts to £1,360,000, while £379,165 was carried forward at 31st March, 1930.

PROFITS.—The following is a copy of a Report given by the Company's Auditors, Messrs. George A. Touche & Company, as to the Profits and Dividends of the Company:—

Basildon House, Moorgate, London, E.C.2, 15th September, 1930.

To the Directors of The General Electric Company, Limited.

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the General Electric Company Limited for the five years ended 31st March, 1930 (that being the latest date to which accounts have been made up), and we certify that the following tabulated statement of its operations is correct:—

	Year ended 31st March.				
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Profit on Trading and Income from Investments	£1,131,787	£1,068,273	£1,096,551	£1,108,826	£1,204,170
Written off for Depreciation	195,250	195,612	195,433	206,055	224,694
Net Profit before charging Income Tax and Debenture Interest	936,537	872,661	901,118	902,771	979,476
Transferred to Reserve Account	120,000	140,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Carried forward	310,624	333,982	338,456	362,072	379,165

We further certify that the undernoted Dividends have been paid for the years in question:—

	ISSUED CAPITAL.				DIVIDENDS. Rate per Annum.			
Year.	6½% "A" Pref.	7½% "B" Pref.	Ordinary	Brit. Ordy.	6½% "A" Pref.	7½% "B" Pref.	Ordinary.	Brit. Ordy.
1926	£1,800,000	£1,800,000	£2,141,975	—	6½%	7½%	7½%	—
1927	1,800,000	1,800,000	2,253,645	—	6½%	7½%	7½%	—
1928	1,800,000	1,800,000	2,253,645	—	6½%	7½%	10%	—
1929	1,800,000	1,800,000	2,253,645	—	6½%	7½%	10%	—
1930	1,800,000	1,800,000	2,253,645	—	6½%	7½%	10% plus Bonus 4%	—

Yours faithfully, GEORGE A. TOUCHE & CO., Chartered Accountants, Auditors.

COVER (Interest and Sinking Fund).—The amount required to provide the Interest and Sinking Fund for the present issue is £210,000 per annum, and it will be seen that such amount is covered more than four times on the above basis of profit and without reckoning any additional profits from the use of extra capital raised by the present issue.

MATERIAL CONTRACTS.—The following Contracts, which are or may be material, have been entered into within the last two years, otherwise than in the ordinary course of business:—

(a) Dated 15th September, 1930, between the Company and Messrs. Rowe, Swann and Co. (being the Underwriting Contract below referred to).

(b) Dated 1st July, 1930, between Pirelli-General Cable Works, Limited, of the first part, British Trusts Association Limited of the second part, and the Company and Società Italiana Pirelli of the third part, being a Trust Deed creating £600,000 First Mortgage Debenture Stock of Pirelli-General Cable Works, Limited, guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Company and Società Italiana Pirelli jointly.

UNDERWRITING.—The whole of the present issue has under Contract (a) above been underwritten by Messrs. Rowe, Swann and Co., in consideration of an underwriting commission of 1½ per cent. and an overriding commission of ½ per cent. In addition they are to receive a fee of 1 per cent. on the nominal amount of the issue, out of which they are to pay all the expenses of the issue, including brokerage and stamp duty. Messrs. Rowe, Swann and Co. have entered into various sub-underwriting contracts to which the Company is not a party.

If no allotment is made, the money paid on application will be returned in full. Where the Stock allotted is less than the amount applied for, the amount paid in excess will be applied in and towards payment of the instalment due on allotment, and any surplus will be returned by cheque.

OVERDUE INSTALMENTS.—Interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum may be charged on overdue instalments, and failure to pay any instalment on its due date will render the Stock and all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

SCRIP CERTIFICATES.—On and after Thursday, 16th October, 1930, Provisional Scrip Certificates to Bearer will be issued, on request, at Midland Bank, Limited, Head Office, Poultry, E.C.2, in exchange for Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts for the moneys due on allotment or in exchange for fully-paid Allotment Letters.

DEFINITIVE CERTIFICATES.—Registered Definitive Stock Certificates will be issued after 2nd February, 1931, against surrender of the fully-paid Provisional Scrip Certificates or Allotment Letters.

BROKERAGE.—Brokerage at the rate of ¼ per cent. will be paid on allotments made in respect of cash or conversion applications bearing the stamp of a Banker, Broker, or other recognised agent.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS.—Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, of the above-mentioned Auditors' Report, of the above-mentioned Contracts, and a draft (subject to revision) of the Trust Deed to secure the 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock, can be inspected at the Offices of Messrs. Wild, Collins and Crosse, Kennan's House, Crown Court, Cheapside, E.C.2, during business hours on any working day while the List remains open.

PROSPECTUSES.—Prospectuses and Forms of Application may be obtained from:—
MIDLAND BANK LIMITED, Poultry, London, E.C.2,
BELFAST BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED, Waring Street, Belfast,
THE CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED, 30, St. Vincent Place, Glasgow,
NORTH OF SCOTLAND BANK LIMITED, Castle Street, Aberdeen, or any of their respective Branches;
from any of the Offices of the Company; and from
Messrs. ROWE, SWANN & CO., 24, Old Broad Street, London, E.C.2,

Dated 16th September, 1930.

FOR CASH APPLICATIONS ONLY. Allotment No. ....

The General Electric Company Limited.

(Registered under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1898.)

Issue of £3,500,000 5 per cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock at £98 per cent.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

***Applications must be for £100 nominal or in multiples thereof.** **(1)**

To the Directors of THE GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED,
Magnet House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

Gentlemen,—Having paid to your Bankers the sum of £........................ being a deposit of £5 per hundred pounds of the above-mentioned Debenture Stock I/we apply for and request you to allot to me/us £*........................ of such Stock upon the terms of the Company's Prospectus as filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, and subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and I/we hereby undertake and agree to accept the same or any less amount of such Stock that may be allotted to me/us and to pay the further instalments as and when due from me/us in respect of the Stock allotted to me/us as provided by the said Prospectus. And I/we authorise you to place my/our name(s) on the Register of the Company as the holder(s) of the said Stock.

Please write distinctly. State Title, if any, or whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss.

USUAL SIGNATURE ....

SURNAME ....
(Please write in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS.)

CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES ....
(IN FULL.)

PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES (IN FULL.) ....
....

OCCUPATION OR DESCRIPTION ....
(A woman should state simply whether she is a spinster, wife or widow.)

DATE ....1930.

PLEASE WRITE DISTINCTLY AND IN BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS.

Cheques should be made payable to MIDLAND BANK LIMITED, or BELFAST BANKING COMPANY LIMITED, or THE CLYDESDALE BANK LIMITED, or NORTH OF SCOTLAND BANK LIMITED, "OR BEARER," and crossed "NOT NEGOTIABLE." If altered from "ORDER" to "BEARER," the alteration should be SIGNED by the drawer of the cheque.

No receipt will be issued for payment on application, but an acknowledgment will be forwarded to you in due course, either by Allotment Letter or by return of deposit.

This Form should be filled up and forwarded to Midland Bank Limited, Poultry, London, E.C.2, or to Belfast Banking Company Limited, Waring Street, Belfast, or to the Clydesdale Bank Limited, 30, St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, or to North of Scotland Bank Limited, Castle Street, Aberdeen, or to one of their respective Branches, together with a remittance for the amount payable on application.

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CITY CHATTER.

QUIET AND DULL MARKETS—INVESTMENT HINTS—KAFFIRS IN REQUEST—UNSETTLED OILS—RUBBER CONSUMPTION.

(*R. J. BARRETT, Financial Editor.*)

No increase can be recorded in the volume of business, and the general tone of markets was dull and listless during the past week. The continuance of pronounced ease in money, rendering it increasingly difficult to employ bankers' funds, created a demand for Treasury Bills, but the longer-dated British Funds lost ground.

Metropolitans and Underground Electrics reacted following a denial of the amalgamation rumour, despite which many people regard the deal as being merely postponed. Some support was given to Great Western on the theory that this company might be interested in the arrangement with the Metropolitan.

Most of the Argentine Railway dividends were in accordance with expectations, but that of the Entre Rios was rather a disappointment, though the company pays 1 per cent. more than the Buenos Aires Western and the Central Argentine Nobody was prepared for the passing of the Leopoldina Preference dividend, though it is hoped that payment is merely deferred until the end of the financial year. Canadian Pacifics revived on better traffics.

German bonds were again offered with some freedom on the result of the elections, and among the Municipal loans Berlin 6 per cent. and Munich 6 per cent. are now obtainable on cheaper terms. Brazilians derived some support from the operation of the sinking fund.

THE GERMAN BOMBSHELL.

In the sphere of international finance, the outstanding event of the week has been the surprising results of the German elections. If, as some reports from Berlin conveyed, the sequel might be a dictatorship, the repudiation of further reparation payments, and extravagant demands which the allied nations could not possibly concede, a grave European situation must arise. It is not surprising, therefore, that, immediately the election results were known, consternation was felt on Continental bourses, and that German securities marketed here reacted on the London Stock Exchange. A calmer mood presently succeeded, for it was considered that the more stable elements in German politics must unite to frustrate the designs of reckless extremists. But week-end news from Berlin was disquieting, and a break on the bourse was reported. The anxiety felt was based on apprehensions that a *coup d'état* was contemplated and on Hitler's tirade against "international finance and lenders of capital." Official assurances are forthcoming, however, that the situation is well in hand, and that subversive movements will be scotched. It is to be hoped that the measures taken will be effective, for a political and economic upheaval in Germany might have wide-spread ill consequences.

INDUSTRIAL POINTS.

Apart from American support of Internationals, there was not much to enliven Industrials during the past week. Hydro-Electrics and Nickels were taken in hand, the latter being supported on the review of the position by Lord Melchett, and by the prospect that the new Canadian tariff will help the company. The improvement, however, was not held at the close.

A feature in the Brewery group was the weakness of Allsopps, due to the issue of additional ordinary shares to existing holders at 22s. 6d. to pay for the businesses recently acquired, but the official statement shows that the dividend should be maintained on the doubled ordinary capital or even increased.

Much interest attached to the publication of the Gaumont-British Corporation's report, showing great expansion during the past year and indicating that profits, as well as those of Provincial Cinematograph Theatres, are still growing.

The startling position disclosed by the revised balance sheet and accounts of the Combined Pulp and Paper Mills must have come as a great surprise to the shareholders despite the earlier intimation by Mr. H. D. Drysdale, the new chairman, that a large portion of the assets had been in a state of jeopardy.

To save the situation no less than £500,000 is immediately required, and to provide this the new board suggests the issue of 8 per cent. Participating Debentures. If the money is forthcoming the directors may succeed in putting the company on a profit-earning basis, but shareholders must await the meeting on Thursday, when no doubt additional information regarding the prospects of the company will be forthcoming.

In any event, Mr. H. D. Drysdale, the chairman, and his fellow directors, Major T. W. Tudor Pole, Messrs. Chas. Baker and John Olsson, who are in no way responsible for the position of the company, deserve the thanks of the shareholders for the manner in which they have handled an exceedingly critical situation, and the prompt measures taken for preserving the assets, and any suggestion they make regarding the future of the company should receive very sympathetic consideration.

The formation of an advisory committee is suggested to consider legal action against the former directors.

Canadian Celanese advanced on the new Canadian tariff, while British Celanese remained neglected in front of the report. Much discussion was caused by the report of Selfridge Provincial Stores, which showed a better position than had been expected, though the high yield on the shares indicates that considerable anxiety is felt as to the maintenance of the dividend when the guarantee has expired.

Allied Newspapers eased to 22s. 6d., Amalgamated Press remaining at 19s. 9d. and Kelly's Directories Debentures at 2 premium. Among Motors, Austins took a fresh upward bound on the prospect of increased earning capacity being shown by the report. Iron and Steel shares had a slight tendency to droop. In the Shipping section Argentine Navigations advanced further on the sale of the Royal Mail group's holdings in these shares, but Royal Mails closed flat, and the subsidiaries derived no benefit.

A more hopeful feeling prevails regarding the future of textiles, the low price of cotton and the exhaustion of supplies of Lancashire goods in foreign markets being taken as favourable signs for the coming year.

Leading shares such as Imperial Chemicals, Turner and Newall, and International Tea have experienced realisations on the part of recent buyers, who were disappointed at the measure of the public response, but on any setback fresh buyers come forward, and the general tone may be described as steady rather than dull. Cables and Wireless weakened on the reduction of telegraph tariffs to South Africa and South America.

United Molasses were freely offered owing to the expectation that the interim dividend, due towards the end of this week, will show a substantial reduction from the 10 per cent. rate paid last year, even if any distribution is possible.

INVESTMENT HINTS.

Although serving an area which has suffered severely from the depression in trade, Lancashire Electric Light and Power has been able to earn substantial profits, and up to last year regularly paid 7½ per cent. on the Ordinary capital. For the twelve months ended March 31 last the distribution was reduced to 7 per cent., this being explained by the larger number of shares then in issue. This undertaking would, undoubtedly, derive considerable benefit from a revival in trade, and the Ordinary £1 shares standing at 24s. are attractive on dividend and capital appreciation considerations.

Issued earlier in the year at 98, the 5½ per Cent. Mortgage Debentures of Wiggins Teape (1919) can be obtained at about par to return exactly 5½ per cent. on the money invested. For 1929 profits, after providing for income-tax, amounted to £265,340, which was sufficient to cover the Debenture interest well over four times. The stock is a specific charge on all land, building and other assets, and, if not previously redeemed, is repayable at par on October 1, 1965.

While profits of London and Thames Haven Oil Wharves have been nearly trebled over the past six years, the dividend has never varied from 15 per cent. tax free. During this period, however, a strong financial position has been built up, and, with reserves now equal to issued capital at £995,000, it seems probable that shareholders will receive a pleasant surprise in the not distant future. Besides this reserve, the last balance-sheet disclosed total assets of £2,578,599, of which £1,464,239 represented freehold wharf and other properties. Priced at 73s. 9d., the Ordinary shares are an attractive "lock-up."

As an investment with prospects, the Ordinary shares of Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries are worth consideration. With only two exceptions since 1920, profits have shown continuous expansion, while dividends have risen from 10 per cent. to last year's 22½ per cent. payment. This was an increase of 2½ per cent. over the previous period, and another increase seems likely this year, as the interim distribution has already been raised by 1 per cent. at 8 per cent. If the rate be merely kept at 22½ per cent. the shares, now priced at 74s., would yield slightly over 6 per cent.

An esteemed correspondent points out that the Metropolitan Electric Tramways lease expires on December 30. The cost of constructing lines and widening roads is borne by the Middlesex County Council; at the expiration of the lease the buildings, electrical equipment, rolling stock, etc., provided by the company will be purchased by the County Council as part of a going concern. Practically all the Ordinary and Preference shares of Metropolitan Electric Tramways are held by the London and Suburban Traction Co., whose £1 Preference shares are quoted at 10s. 3d., having received no dividend since 1924, while the £1 Ordinary stand at 2s. 3d. Our correspondent says something must transpire in the near future as to the future of this company. It is said that the Middlesex County Council is anxious to renew the expiring lease, but the Metropolitan Electric Tramways Co. wants better terms.

GENERAL ELECTRIC ISSUE.

The General Electric Company's £3,500,000 issue of 5 per cent. mortgage debenture stock now announced is just on the lines anticipated in this column on Sunday last. Its purpose is to redeem the existing 7 per cent. stock—less than £3,000,000 outstanding—and to provide additional capital for development and expansion. The issue price, as forecast last week, is 98 per cent. Holders of existing stock who exercise their option to convert into the new stock, instead of waiting to be paid off a year hence, will, the prospectus discloses, be entitled to a cash payment of £4 per cent. in addition to interest accrued to the end of this month. The new debenture stock is an industrial investment of the highest class. From modest beginnings, the undertaking started by Sir Hugo Hirst, Bart., is now one of the largest electrical manufacturing concerns in the British Empire, its earning capacity has more than kept pace with the capital growth requisite for expansion, and its past financial year was the best in its history.

KAFFIRS IN REQUEST.

Nothing has yet transpired in regard to the proceedings of the Low Grade Mines Commission, but mail advices from South Africa reveal another reason for the recent purchases for Cape account of Rand gold shares. According to Johannesburg calculations, the fall in commodities represents a saving of 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. per ton of ore milled. Over 30,000,000 tons of ore were treated by the Witwatersrand mines during 1929; hence an economy of 1s. 3d. per ton would be equivalent to £1,875,000. The companies which stand to benefit in the most marked degree from a reduction in working expenses are obviously low-grade propositions operating on a large scale. Below are set out, in respect of the five principal mines coming into this category: (1) the tonnage of ore milled; (2) the working profit; (3) the amount represented by an additional profit of only 1s. per ton.

Company.	Ore milled. Tons.	Working profit. £	Estimated addition*. £
Crown Mines	2,643,800	947,100	132,150
East Rand Prop'y	1,721,500	135,300	86,070
Randfontein	2,528,000	286,800	126,400
Robinson Deep	918,400	173,950	45,920
West Rand	1,043,800	206,100	52,160

* On the basis of a saving of 1s. per ton in costs.

At one time New Kleinfontein were run up to over 3s. on scarcely credible rumours of amalgamation with the Van Ryn Deep. These rumours met a prompt denial, but information was published of a discovery on the original Kleinfontein area, the exact significance of which has yet to be demonstrated. This probably constituted the real reason for the buying.

A renewed cut in the price of copper, with more or less sympathetic weakness in other base metals, exerted a depressing influence upon the shares of prospective as well as actual producers. The further recovery in silver brought little benefit to the shares of silver companies. An extension has been observable of the inquiry for Indian gold shares, Champion Reef being especially favoured on encouraging developments.

UNSETTLED OILS.

The Oil share market generally displayed an unsettled tendency last week, and prices were extremely sensitive to the mixed character of advices from America. Very little business accumulated over the previous week-end, and at the outset professionals showed little inclination to enter upon fresh commitments. Quotations were on the easier side, more to the absence of demand than to any pronounced selling pressure. News from New York last Monday did not influence the market to any material extent. Satisfaction was expressed at the increase of 15 cents in the price of Pennsylvania crude yesterday week, this following a rise of 25 cents on August 22.

On Tuesday the news that Californian oil producers had reached a virtual agreement to reduce output by a further 60,000 barrels per day was counter-balanced by the report that Oklahoma City oil operators have started a move to increase the allowable output under the pro-ration schedules from 85,000 barrels to 160,000 barrels daily, and market turned easier, although buyers appeared at the lower levels. On the following day satisfaction was derived from the further decline in crude oil production in the United States, it being estimated by the American Petroleum Institute that the daily average in the week ended September 13 was 2,420,000 barrels against 2,437,000 barrels in the preceding week, a decrease of 17,000 barrels. Compared with the corresponding period of 1929, the daily rate shows a fall of 545,000 barrels, while against the peak established in the week ended August 31, 1929, a decline of 553,000 barrels per day is recorded. Increases were reported in respect of California, Kansas and the Coastal district, but output was lower in Oklahoma, West Texas, and the Eastern district.

It was announced by British Controlled Oilfields that at meetings held on Wednesday the resolutions approving the scheme for the reorganisation of the capital were duly passed by both classes of shareholders.

For the greater part of the week the recognised leaders displayed relative steadiness on buying from Paris and Amsterdam, but when these two countries turned sellers on Thursday prices quickly reflected the change of sentiment. The week closed on a dull note in sympathy with other sections. Anglo-Ecuadorian provided a bright spot in dividend anticipations; the market expected a dividend of 5 per cent., against the initial payment of 3½ per cent. for 1928-29.

RUBBER CONSUMPTION.

Conditions in the Rubber market continued to be of a somewhat depressed nature on the lack of any reassuring developments. The commodity remained a lifeless market, with the spot price usually about 4d. or a trifle higher. The receipt of the news that consumption in America during August was fully up to expectations was more than discounted by the heavy Malayan shipments for the first half of the current month at above 28,000 tons.

Consumption of raw rubber for August in the United States was reported at 30,575 tons, against 29,894 tons during July. The total consumption for the first eight months of this year is now 280,530 tons, which compares with 349,108 tons for the similar period of 1929. At the same time it is pointed out in the market that this comparison is somewhat invidious in view of the fact that during the early part of 1929 boom conditions still prevailed in the American car industry.

Tea shares were a dull market with sellers usually in the majority. There was a little inquiry apparent for cheap stock on the continued better prices at the auctions, but quotations were not affected thereby.

THE OUTLOOK.

It is difficult to see much encouragement in the immediate outlook for the Stock Exchange. Until there is an improvement in general trade it will be impossible to obtain a fair rate of interest on loans, and bankers and others who control large funds will be forced to employ them to an increasing extent in gilt-edged stocks. So far as these are concerned, therefore, no reason exists for expecting any material set-back.

On the other hand, money for speculative investment is not likely to be plentiful. Traders are not making the profits in industry that, in the normal course, would be available for adding to those profits by Stock Exchange speculation. The only ray of hope—apart from the chance of a radical change in the political and economic control of British industry—lies in the recrudescence of the speculative spirit in New York, where a month of good trade seems to have convinced Wall Street that the worst of the depression has been seen.

Growing figures of unemployment merely emphasise the fact that fresh methods will have to be tried to cure the economic evils from which the country is suffering, and there is a distinct danger that panic measures may be adopted which will be merely palliatives, and will have the effect, ultimately, of leaving the situation even worse. It is very necessary that the finance of the British Government should continue to be framed on sound lines, for the adoption of meretricious plans to create artificial employment at the expense of the national purse would quickly find imitators in other parts of the Empire.

PAST WEEK'S MARKET FEATURES

	Sept. 12	Sept. 19	+ Rise or — Fall.
GILT-EDGED.			
War Loan 5%	104	103⅞	— ⅛
Conversion 3½%	78	77⅞	— ⅛
Do. 5%	105⅜	105¼	— ⅛
Consolidated 4%	88⅝	88⅛	— ½
Funding 4%	92⅛	91⅞	— ¼
India 3%	55	54	— 1
Australia 5% ('45-'75)	89½	85½	— 4
New South Wales 5% ('45-'65)	88	82	— 6
FOREIGN.			
Brazil 1914	74½	73½	— 1
Berlin 6%	90½	85	— 5½
German 7%	106½	103	— 3½
Do. 5½%	85¼	79½	— 5¾
Munich 6%	88	84	— 4
Greek 7%	103½	104	+ ½
Austrian 7%	½ pm.	¼ dis.	— ¾
HOME AND FOREIGN RAILS.			
Gt. Western	70½	72⅝	+ 2⅛
L.M. and S.	35½	35¼	— ¼
Metropolitan	74	70½	— 3½
Underground Elec.	25/3	24/3	— 1/-
B.A. Gt. Southern	88	85	— 3
Entre Rios	82½	79	— 3½
Leopoldina	33	30	— 3
Do. Pref.	70½	65	— 5½
INDUSTRIALS.			
Allied News	1³⁄₁₆	1⅛	— ¹⁄₁₆
Amal. Press	19/9	19/9	—
Daily Mail Trust	2³⁄₁₆	2⅛	— ¹⁄₁₆
Hydro-Electric	39¾	38½	— 1¼
Intern. Nickel	27⅜	24⅝	— 2¾
United Molasses	34/-	30/-	— 4/-
Columbia Graph.	3¼	3⅛	— ⅛
Gramophone	3½	3³⁄₃₂	— ¹³⁄₃₂
Selfridge Prov.	9/9	10/3	+ /6
Cables & W. "A"	29¾	25½	— 4¼
Austin Motor	33/-	35/7½	+ 2/7½
Imp. Airways	25/9	20/7½	— 5/1½
Royal Mail	17	14	— 3
Intern. Tea	21/3	20/-	— 1/3
Thornycroft	2⅞	2⅝	— ¼
Can. Celanese	1½	2⅜	+ ⅞
Courtaulds	2⁵⁄₁₆	2³⁄₃₂	— ⁷⁄₃₂
Allsopps	26/9	24/3	— 2/6
MINES.			
Sub Nigel	2¹³⁄₃₂	2¹⁷⁄₃₂	+ ⅛
New Kleinfontein	2/6	3/-	+ /6
Bwana	13/-	12/-	— 1/-
Congo Border	14	13¾	— ¼
N'Changa Copper	3½	3¼	— ¼
Tanganyika	1⅞	1¾	— ⅛
Chartered	34/1½	33/3	— /10½
De Beers Pref.	11⅛	11¼	+ ⅛
Rio Tinto	36¼	35⅜	— ⅞
North Broken Hill	1⅝	1¾	+ ⅛
London Tin	12/-	11/3	— /9
OILS.			
Anglo-Persian	3⅞	3¾	— ⅛
Burmah	4⅛	4⁵⁄₃₂	+ ¹⁄₃₂
Lobitos	1³⁄₁₆	1⁵⁄₃₂	— ¹⁄₃₂
Phœnix	8/9	8/9	—
Royal Dutch	30½	30	— ½
Shell Transport	4⅞	4¾	— ⅛
V.O.C.	1⅞	1¾	— ⅛
RUBBERS.			
Rubber Trust	23/-	22/3	— /9
Anglo-Dutch	22/6	21/6	— 1/-
East Java	½	¼	— ¼
Harpenden	¼	⅛	— ⅛
TEAS.			
Assam Dooars	37	36½	— ½
Cons. T. & Lands	19	18½	— ½
British Assam	4⅞	4¾	— ⅛
Scottish Ceylon	4¼	4⅛	— ⅛

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

PARK.—You may do better by waiting.

TOR.—These are worth averaging at the current level.

M. L. L.—Would not sell Listers at the present level.

JEB.—Would give preference to Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, and 10.

GLENDOWER.—Suggest you sell No. 2 and risk keeping the others.

H. A S.—Better hold in the hope of some recovery sooner or later.

E. M. (Oxford).—Manchester Liners and Paquins are both hopeful holdings.

C. G. S. (Ilford).—Rather a narrow market, but prospects considered promising.

T. H.—Not unless you regard the putting up of fresh money as a sheer gamble.

X. L.—The certificates run on at 1d. a month per certificate until March 31, 1932.

CANAL.—The Australian stocks are trustee investments. Would not take present prices.

I R. M.—Write to the Scottish Reversionary Company, 33, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.

SUNNY.—Would advise you to ignore the talk of repudiation and keep your Australian stock.

E. B.—For your purpose suggest Sun Life Assurance Society, Threadneedle Street, E.C.2.

L. B.—The dividend was conservative. Cannot say whether it was promoted by the consideration you refer to.

ANGUS.—Southern Stockholders Investment Trust is under good management and the shares are a fair lock-up.

G. B.—National Provincial Bank shares are a good investment. The £4 paid at 13¼ yield £5 8s. 9d. per cent.

RIDGBY.—The shares were affected by market rumours which have been denied. Prefer to keep them for some recovery.

NORMAN.—No. 3 is the only doubtful concern, as liquid assets are too limited to withstand a prolonged period of present conditions.

R. M. P. (Glasgow).—(1) Cannot recommend the outside firm. (2) If you can wait for recovery Amalgamated Anthracites might be averaged.

A. E. F.—(1) You might risk holding a little longer before making the exchange. (2) Willys Overland Preferred seem undervalued. Would not sell.

E. T.—No importance should be attached to this communication, but the outlook is uncertain, and you might take advantage of the recovery to realise.

DENT.—(1) They last marked 12s. 6d., so the offer does not look attractive. Lack of marketability is a drawback. (2) Probably liquidation. They look too cheap.

S. J. Y.—It is too long a story to relate here. The affairs of the group were fully dealt with at the meeting of Metropole Industries, reported in the *Financial Times* of September 16.

E. W. (Banbridge).—Frazer and Haughton is a bleaching business with offices in Belfast. The 5 per Cent. Preference dividend has been paid regularly, but no other information is obtainable.

J. S. (Hove).—(1) A fair risk to average. Would deal through members of the Stock Exchange. (2) The fact that there is over £300,000 unissued capital seems to be keeping the price down. Otherwise they look cheap. (3) Would watch for an opportunity to realise.

Owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over a large number of "Answers to Correspondents." These will be sent through the post.

MONEY MARKET.

EASY CONDITIONS CONTINUE.

BILLS STEADY.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Working conditions in Lombard Street, both as regards loans and bills, underwent very little alteration during the past week. The banks have called very sparingly for balancing operations, and with ordinary borrowers' requirements by no means extensive, the trend of loan charges has continued downward.

For fresh credit the maximum payment appeared to 1½ per cent., few borrowers, in fact, finding it necessary to pay more than 1½ per cent. for accommodation, while balances have been offered in most quarters down to 1 per cent.

Discount rates have been fairly steady, the ease of money being offset by adverse movements in the foreign exchanges, accompanied by rumours of coming fairly large gold withdrawals from the Bank for France in the immediate future.

There has been a renewal of the clearing banks inquiry for October and November bills at 2 and 2 1-32 per cent. respectively, but few were secured.

As expected, France secured the bulk of the open market gold. The amount available was £812,000, of which rather less than £750,000 was taken on French account at the high price of 85s. 0¾d. per fine ounce. Silver, after developing a stronger tendency, became weaker on Chinese realisations, and prices show little movement on balance at 16 13-16d. per ounce for cash and 16⅞d. for future shipment.

Practically all the important Continental rates of exchange have moved against London, a sharp fall in the French rate from 123.75½ to 123.71 providing the feature. The American rate, however, at one time recovered to 4.86½, but there has since been a reaction to 4.86 1-6, which compares with 4.86 1-64 a week ago.

—	Method of quoting.	Par of exch.	Quotations. Sept. 20	Sept. 13
Paris, cheques	Fr. to £	124.21	123.70-.72	123.74-.77
Berlin	Mks. to £	20.43	20.39¼-½	20.40-.40½
Brussels,ch'ques	Belga to £	35.00	34.86-.86½	34.86-.86½
Amst'rd'm,chqs.	Fl. to £	12.107	12.05¾-.06	12.07¼-.½
Italy, sight	Lire to £	92.46	92.80-92.82	92.79-92.81
Greece	Drch. to £	375	374½-375¼	374½-375¼
Madrid, sight	Pes. to £	25.22½	44.95-45.05	44.45-44.50
Lisbon, sight	Escudo	4.50	108¼-108⅜	108⅛-⅜
Switz'rl'nd,sight	Fr. to £	25.22½	25.04¼-.¾	25.05¼-.¾
Oslo sight	Kr. to £	18.159	18.16⅝-.⅞	18.16⅝-.⅞
Stockholm,sight	Kr. to £	18.159	18.08¾-.09¼	18.08¾-.09¼
Copenhagen,s'gt	Kr. to £	18.159	18.16-.16½	18.16-.16½
Helsingfors	Mks. to £	193.23	192¾-193¼	192¾-193¼
Vienna	Sh. to £	34.58½	34.42-34.44	34.40-34.43
Alexandria,sight	Pstrs. to £	97½	97⅛-97¼	97⅛-97¼
Prague	Kr. to £	164.25	163⅞-164⅛	163⅞-164⅛
Bucharest	Lei to £	813.6	815-817	814-815
Bombay, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5⅞d.	1s. 5⅞d.
Calcutta, T.T.	d. to rupee	18d.	1s. 5⅞d.	1s. 5⅞d.
Hong Kong, T.T.	d. to dol.	—	1s. 4d.	1s. 3⅞d.
Shanghai, T.T.	d. to tael.	—	1s. 8d.	1s. 7⅞d.
Singapore, T.T.	d. to dol.	2s. 4d.	2s. 3⅞d.	2s. 3⅞d.
Kobe	Yen	24.57d.	2s. 0⅛d.	2s. 0⅛d.
New York, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.86³⁄₃₂-⅛	4.86-.86⅛
Montreal, cable	Dol. to £	4.86⅔	4.85⅞-⅞	4.85⅞-⅞
Rio de J., T.T.	d. to ml.	5.89d.	4⅜-4½	4⅛-5
Buenos A's, T.T.	Dollar	47.58d.	40½-40⅝	40⅝-41⅛
Valp'r'iso, 90d'ys	Pesos to £	39.9	39.94	39.64
Montevideo, T.T.	d. to dol.	51d.	40½-41	41-41½
Lima	Sols to £	12.166	13.97½	14.10

RUBBER PRICES EASE.

TWO COMPANIES SUSPEND TAPPING.

Two more rubber-producing companies have decided to suspend tapping pending an improvement in the price of the commodity. These are the Serom Rubber Estates and the Rubber Estates of Malaya.

These companies, the directors state, have ample funds in hand. It is hoped that the accounts from the East will be received in time to allow of the general meetings being held in December.

The Rubber Estates of the Malaya, which has an issued capital of £400,000, was formed in 1929 to acquire estates of which 3,950 acres were under rubber. A crop of 1,404,750 lb. was estimated for the first year at a cost of 7½d. per lb., including freight and London expenditure.

The Serom company, which dates from 1925, has an issued capital of £72,000. For 1928-29 the crop totalled 410,400 lb. At September 20 last the company had cash of £1,262, while £5,700 was on deposit, and £10,074 invested in War Loan. Stocks of rubber appeared at £3,699.

SPOT PRICE BELOW FOURPENCE.

Trading in the Mincing Lane market for raw rubber was of small volume yesterday, and prices of the nearer positions sagged.

Spot closed at 3 15-16d., a loss of 1-16d., while September shed a similar amount at 3⅞d. October was quoted at 3 15-16d., against 4d. on Friday, and November at 4d., against 4 1-16d. December finished at 4 1-16d., and January-March at 4⅛d. April-June was unchanged at 4⅜d. and January-December at 4½d.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN OILFIELDS.

OPERATIONS ABANDONED IN SOMALILAND.

The directors of the Anglo-Egyptian Oilfields report that on geological advice it has been decided to abandon their operations in Somaliland.

In their annual report issued in May last, the directors stated that a geological survey being carried out in Somaliland by the Somaliland Petroleum Company was nearing completion, and a decision would shortly be reached as to whether prospects justified the sinking of a trial boring.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

INCREASE IN THE OPERATING REVENUE.

The full accounts of Imperial Airways covering the year to March 31 confirm the net profit figure of £60,138 mentioned in the preliminary statement.

Revenue amounted to £179,338 as compared with £150,158, but heavier obsolescence rates, which for 1929-30 absorbed £85,387 as against £36,176, reduced the net profit, which for 1928-29 was £81,714.

As already announced, the Ordinary dividend is 5 per cent. against 7½ per cent., both less tax, and after writing off an item of £2,500, the balance forward is £20,957 compared with £6,689 brought in.

INCOME-TAX QUERIES.

A. R.—Yes.

TOUR.—Money won in Calcutta Sweepstake or hospital sweepstake is not taxable.

T. H.—A bachelor cannot claim allowance for housekeeper. This allowance is only due to widower or widow.

A. G. P.—In calculating profits from letting furnished house you cannot deduct rent you paid for house elsewhere.

SWINTON.—As you made genuine error in return, you have right to claim refund of extra sum. Write again to inspector, and if you receive no satisfaction write to Chief Inspector (Claims), Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.1.

ENQUIRER.—As you will actually be residing in this country since April last you must be treated for income tax purposes as resident here from that date, and leave pay is assessable. Money won on racecourse or in backing horses is not assessable, neither can you claim allowance for losses.

DEVON.—Letting apartments does not affect Sch. A return. You do not have to return anything in respect of letting unfurnished rooms, but if you let furnished rooms, whether with or without board, any profit must be returned under Sch. D. Profit is calculated by deducting from rent of rooms proportion of actual value of house (gross), of servants, cleaning, lighting, coal, wear and tear of furniture, and any other outgoing which you have to incur in earning rent.

TRIDOLE.—With total income of between £600 and £700 you can claim following allowances, i.e., one-sixth from pension and £225 personal allowance. The balance of income is taxable at 2s. in £ on £250 and 4s. 6d. in £ on remainder. If you have already suffered by deduction more tax in respect of 1930-31 than is due, you can claim refund now of excess you have already suffered and balance at end of year when you have received rest of dividends.

D. S. J.—A woman judicially separated from husband and in receipt of allowance paid under deduction of tax can make claim for allowances due, which would be £135 free of tax, £60 for any child under 18 years of age who is in receipt of whole-time education at recognised school, and further £225 of income to be charged at half standard rate for years up to and including 1929-30. For 1930-31 this allowance is on £250 of income, which has to be charged at 2s. in £ instead of 4s. 6d. Claim to allowances can be made for six past years.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

WHITWORTH AND MITCHELL, LIMITED.

FURTHER INCREASE IN PROFITS.

EXPANSION IN HOME AND OVERSEA TRADE.

The second annual general meeting of Whitworth and Mitchell, Ltd., was held in Manchester on Wednesday.

Mr. William Whitworth (chairman and managing director) presided.

The Chairman, in his review of the year's trading to June 30, 1930, stated:—The profit for the year under review was £219,230, showing an increase of £11,822 compared with last year. Shareholders would, he hoped, consider this a very fine achievement under conditions which had been the reverse of easy. The turnover in both home and oversea trade was in excess of that of any previous financial year.

DIFFICULT TRADING CONDITIONS.

He considered the past year to have been the most difficult from a trading standpoint since the business was established in 1901. The serious unrest in China and India and financial stringency in Australia had adversely affected sales in those markets. The whole industry also lost a considerable amount of trade in the period from December to May through uncertainty over the Budget. It had only been by very close management in all departments that the results disclosed in the accounts had been obtained. The company's selling organisation had been improved and increased, and its fabrics had obtained an excellent name and hold in all the markets served. The registered trade mark "Wemco" represented the hall mark of quality and productions which were up to date in every way.

VALUE OF GOODWILL.

In commenting upon some of the items in the balance-sheet the Chairman stated: "The real test of the value of goodwill surely comes when general trading conditions are bad, and the fact that we have been able not only to maintain our turnover and profits, but actually to show a substantial increase under both heads, enables me to repeat with greater conviction than ever that the goodwill of your company is of great and increasing value. Nevertheless, the board recognise the advisability of creating reserves as a set-off against the goodwill item appearing in the balance-sheet, and it will be their policy to continue to do so. 'Wemco' fabrics have an increasingly wide distribution throughout the world, and you can rest assured that so far as lies within our power everything will be done to promote the steady growth of the reputation which we now enjoy for quality and service."

The Chairman proceeded:—The freehold warehouse referred to in last year's review as having been purchased has been adapted to suit the company's requirements. In November last the business was removed from the three separate warehouses in Manchester and is now thoroughly organised under one roof with considerable beneficial results. All machinery, furniture, fixtures, etc., have been well maintained and adequate depreciation has been written off.

THE AVON SILK MILLS.

The Avon Silk Mills Company, Ltd., has again been responsible in no small measure for the productions which have been placed on the markets of the world during the past year. The research work undertaken at the mills is of great value, and, functioning as it does in this way, is a very valuable asset to the company. A highly technical staff is constantly engaged on experimental work in the creation of new fabrics. This fact is mainly responsible for the predominant position which is held to-day by the company's ranges of artificial silk dress goods and shirtings.

The valuation of the stock-in-trade shown in the balance-sheet is one which it is considered will enable it to be realised at a reasonable profit. Ample provision has made for discounts and for bad and doubtful debts. Cash, Treasury bills, debtors, and stock exceed creditors by £691,997, and provide amply for the further development of the business. Once again we wish to pay a very high tribute to the staff for the loyal way in which they have worked to bring about so satisfactory a result during a very difficult year.

ALL-COTTON PRODUCTIONS.

Special attention is now being given to the all-cotton dress-goods section of the business, and a special designing staff has been created to deal solely with this important department. The new ranges which have been produced for the coming season strike an entirely new note in all-cotton productions, and they have already been very well received by the trade.

In regard to the future, Mr. Whitworth stated that the order-book was in a most healthy state, and immediate prospects were even better than they were last year; but, in making a long-range forecast of trade conditions generally, he must in prudence draw attention to the continuance of the unsettled state of markets, which had already existed for many months. However, the directors and staff would ever continue with the policy which had stood the company in such good stead in the past.

The report and accounts were adopted unanimously.

THE UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA, Ltd.

Established 1837. Incorporated 1880.

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Paid Up Capital .... £4,000,000 } together £8,850,000
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Drafts are granted on the Bank's branches throughout the Australian States and Dominion of New Zealand. Telegraphic remittances are also made. Bills are purchased and sent for collection. Deposits are received for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE SOCIETY OF INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANTS AND AUDITORS.
A.D. 1885.
EXAMINATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next EXAMINATION of Candidates resident in England and Wales will be held in London, Manchester, Cardiff, and Leeds on the following dates:—

Preliminary Examination, November 3rd and 4th, 1930.

Intermediate Examination, November 5th and 6th, 1930.

Final Examination, November 4th, 5th, and 6th, 1930.

Candidates desirous of presenting themselves must give notice to the undersigned on or before September 30th, 1930.

By Order of the Council,
A. A. GARRETT, Secretary.
Incorporated Accountants' Hall,
Victoria Embankment,
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TO-DAY'S ISSUE.

GENERAL ELECTRIC DEBENTURES.

FIVE PER CENTS. AT 98.

Applications are invited by the General Electric Company for an issue of £3,500,000 5 per Cent. Mortgage Debenture stock at 98 per cent.

From the proceeds of the issue the company will redeem by September, 1931, the outstanding £2,919,340 7 per Cent. Debenture stock, following which the 5 per Cents. now offered will become a first charge upon all the properties and assets.

Holders of the existing 7 per Cent. stock are given the option of converting into an equivalent amount of the new stock, together with a cash payment of £4 per cent., plus accrued interest up to September 30.

The new stock will be redeemed at par by 1967, redemption commencing by annual drawings in 1931. The company will have the right to redeem the whole or part of the stock up to September, 1937, at a premium of 5 per cent., and thereafter up to 1947 at a premium of 2 per cent.

The issue will give a surplus, after conversion or repayment of the 7 per Cents. and payment of issue expenses, of about £400,000. Total net assets, excluding goodwill, loose plant, etc., work out at £10,912,400, or sufficient to cover the stock now offered over three times.

Net profits for 1929-30 amounted to £979,476, or more than four times the amount of £210,000 per annum required to meet the interest and sinking fund for the new issue.

BERLIN BOURSE.

FURTHER OFFERING FROM ABROAD.

BERLIN, Saturday.

The Berlin Bourse was to-day affected by yesterday's break is the quotations of German securities on foreign bourses, and consequently was extremely weak, especially as in addition considerable amounts were being offered here on behalf of foreign investors.

The leading banks consider that their intervention would be useless so long as the present nervousness is unabated, and have only bought up such securities as they required. The weaker shares recovered towards the close, so that the losses compared with yesterday were not extraordinary.—*Reuter.*

JUTE IRREGULAR.

HEAVY LOSSES BY DUNDEE SPINNERS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUNDEE, Saturday.

Raw jute prices have been rather irregular during the past week. The reserved attitude adopted by Calcutta shippers has created doubt in the minds of speculative sellers, who have been depressing the market, especially for Daisee fibre, with the result that there has been less inclination to sell all round, and sometimes prices have appeared to be raised because of the reluctance to go on discounting the Calcutta prices.

The fact that representations are to be made to the Indian Government for some sort of subsidy to the jute growers to help them to prevent prices falling to an even greater extent than they have done may have some bearing on the market.

While India is crying out about all the heavy losses that have been sustained by the slump in prices of all commodities in the jute trade, stated to be at least seven million pounds on the raw jute alone, there is no mention of the severe losses that have been incurred in Dundee, where spinners are using up jute which cost them anything from £10 to £15 per ton more than the rtaes at which they could purchase to-day.

As a rule, Dundee spinners carry six months' supply of jute, or, say, roughly 100,000 tons. The loss on this at the moderate estimate of £10 per ton means £1,000,000. It is little wonder that spinners are purchasing sparingly of the new crop, especially as they are finding no encouragement in the demand for yarns.

The Indian mills are reported to have bought about three million bales of the new crop so far this season, which, with the stocks carried forward from last season, estimated at the same quantity, should meet their requirements for all this season. The fear is expressed by Calcutta that much less jute will be grown by the ryots next season.

REPORTS & NOTICES

WALDORF HOTEL.—Dividend at rate of 10 per cent. per annum (same) on Ordinary.

BERNAM-PERAK RUBBER.—Net profit to June 30, £1,129 (against £10,193), plus £4,020 brought forward, total £5,149 carried forward.

INTERNATIONAL PAINT AND COMPOSITIONS.—Interim dividend of 3 per cent. (same), less tax, on Preference and Ordinary, payable September 30.

UNIVERSAL RUBBER PAVIORS.—Accounts to May 31 show loss of £6,252 Debit £10,827 forward. (Report for first period to May 31, 1929, showed loss of £4,176.)

A. B. C. COUPLER AND ENGINEERING.—Profit to September 30, 1929, was £15,267 (against £11,893). To reserve £5,000, final dividend on Ordinary of 7½ per cent. (less tax) makes 12½ per cent. £4,230 forward, against £3,775.

NORTH LABIS (JOHORE) RUBBER.—Output to June 30, 659,700 lbs. (against 730,996 lbs.); net sale price, 6.61d. (9.23d.) Net profit, £1,108 (£12,287), plus £13,370 brought in. To reserve, £4,000 (£2,500); div., nil (against 7½ per cent.); forward, £15,388 (£18,370).

ANGLO-CELTIC SHIPPING.—Profit to March 31 £723, plus £1,388 brought forward. To costs in connection with reduction of capital £126, reserve for classification survey of the steamer Oakfield £600, forward £1,385 (against £1,388) No dividend has yet been paid.

PARIT-BRUAS (MALAY) RUBBER.—Net profit to June 30 was £1,213 (against £7,573). Interim dividend of 2½ per cent. absorbed £1,155, managers' commission £112 10s. directors' percentage £60 13s. 4d.—£1,328 6s. 8d., leaving £1,279, after adding £1,394 brought in. It is not proposed to transfer any part of this balance to general reserve, but, as the reserve for income-tax was larger than was required for the demands upon it, the directors have transferred £1,028 from that account to general reserve, bringing it up to the round figure of £17,250. Crop was 530,769 lbs., against estimate of 540,000 lbs. Average gross selling price, including stock at a valuation, was 6.91d. Estimated output for current year is 576,000 lbs.

MAIL AND STEAMSHIP NEWS.

(Note: l., left; d., due; c., called; p., passed; f., for; fr., from; a., arrived.)

THE MAILS.

BEAVERBURN (Canadian Pacific) f. Montreal l. Gravesend, 20.
CHRISTIAN HUYGENS (Nederland) fr. Sourabaya a. Belawan Deli, 20.
CITY OF BRISTOL (Ell Hall) Calcutta f. Tilbury Dock p. Gravesend, 20.
JAN PIETERSZOON COEN (Nederland) Batavia f. Amsterdam a. Southampton, 20.
KHYBER (P. and O.) London f. Yokohama, a. Singapore, 20.
LAPLACE (Lamport) f. Rosario l. Gravesend, 20.
MINNEDOSA (Canadian Pacific) fr. Montreal a. Liverpool, 20.
MOLDAVIA (P. and O.) London f. Brisbane, l. Sydney, 20.
MONTROSE (Canadian Pacific) fr. Montreal a. Gravesend, 20.
MUNSTERLAND (H.A.L.) Bremen f. Tsingtao a. Shanghai, 20.
NUBIAN (Leyland) f. Puerto Mexico l. Liverpool, 20.
ORMONDE (Orient) f. Brisbane l. Adelaide, 20.
ORVIETO (Orient) fr. London, a. Colombo, 20.
PORT AUCKLAND (C. and D.) f. Rockhampton l. Brisbane, 20.
PORT BOWEN (C. and D.) Townsville f. London l. Brisbane, 20.
RAWALPINDI (P. and O.) Cadiz for Tilbury Dock p. Gravesend, 20.
SCHEER (H.A.L.) Yokohama f. Hamburg a. Hankow, 20.
USAMBARA (D. O. A.) fr. Hamburg a. Zanzibar, 20.
WAIRUNA (U.S.N.Z.) fr. Vancouver a. Wellington, 20.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

AGAMEMNON f. Yokohama l. Liverpool, 20.
BELOS fr. New York a. Millwall Dock, 20.
BARON HAIG f. Port Natal l. Albany, 20.
CANADIAN TRANSPORTER f. Timara l. Lyttelton, 20.
CASTELAR f. Barcelona p. Gravesend, 20.
HESIONE f. London l. Port Said, 20.
MARQUESA f. Buenos Ayres l. Liverpool, 20.
MILOS fr. New Orleans a. Hull, 20.

WALL STREET ERRATIC.

SMALL RALLY AFTER SELLING.

PROFIT TAKING TOWARDS THE CLOSE.

NEW YORK, September 20.

Following yesterday's acute unsettlement, the market regained its equilibrium but failed to show much confidence. Closing prices, however, approximated or showed a slight improvement compared with yesterday's finish.

The tendency at the opening was easy and further selling representing an accumulation of overnight orders depressed leaders early, especially Steels and Public Utilities, but bearish professionals fearing an oversold condition became hesitant and prices advanced. Trading was slightly more active on the rally, many favourites rising from 1 to 2 points, but profit-taking later reduced the advances.

Weekly trade reviews were moderately cheerful, although they point out that the numerous gains had not been extended above the levels established a fortnight ago.

The market closed steady. U.S. Steel, American Can, Woolworth, General Motors, and General Electric rose fractionally, and American Telephone and Telegraph, Consolidated Gas, A. M. Byers, and Case Threshing Machine advanced from 1 to 2 points.

Government Bonds barely steady. Railroad Bonds firm. The day's sales totalled 831,000 shares. Money on call nominal. Sterling Exchange steady. Silver 1-8c. lower at 36-5-8.—*Reuter.*

COTTON DECLINES.

MORE SELLING BY SPOT HOUSES.

EXCLUSIVE CABLE TO THE "SUNDAY TIMES."

NEW YORK, Saturday.

As usual at this season of the year, "hedging" operations tend to increase towards the close of the week, and more selling by several spot houses to-day carried the December option to 10.96 cents, or seven points above the low level of the season reached on August 19.

Steady absorption of contracts for mill account made a slow decline, and at the end of the first hour prices were only about 5 points from the opening level of Monday. Considering that the "Intosight" movement shows 500,000 bales this week, and that over a million bales were turned out from the gins in seven days, the action of the market reflected stubborn resistance to pressure.

Rains continued in the Eastern sections of the cotton belt, where dry weather is now wanted for the proper progress of harvesting.

Wheat prices recovered over a cent a bushel, but the stock market reflects quite a widespread abandonment of the hope that an important business recovery can confidently be expected this fall. This is hardly favourable for a sharp increase in dry goods production, though it seems natural to expect that the world will use more cheap raw material than when prices were at 15 or 20 cents a pound.

The *New York Financial Chronicle* estimate of the world's carry-over of all kinds of cotton including linters at 11,714,000 bales, compared with 9,624,000 bales last year, represents about 43 per cent. of the total cotton produced in the 1929 season and about five months' consumption at the present rate.

The carry-over of American cotton, including linters, is forecast at 6,888,000 bales against 4,918,000 bales last year and of foreign growths at 4,826,000 bales compared with 4,706,000 bales on July 31, 1929.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Cotton opened steady, but 4 to 2 points lower. Trading was moderately active with prices lower, due to Southern and Wall Street houses selling, but offers were well taken by the trade and the undertone remained steady. At the close old contracts showed losses of 2 to 5 points, and new contracts were 1 to 6 points down. Spot quiet at 5 points decline.

At New Orleans futures opened unchanged to 2 points lower, and finished 2 to 7 points down.

Spot lost 5 points.

Highest and lowest prices in the last 30 seconds of trading at New York:—September, 10.71-10.71; October, 10.81-10.81; November, 10.92-10.92; December, 11.05-11.03; January, 11.12-11.12. New Contracts:—October, 10.78-10.77; November, 10.88-10.88; December, 10.98-10.98; January, 11.07-11.07; February, 11.16-11.16; March, 11.26-11.26; April, 11.33-11.33; May, 11.42-11.41; June, 11.50-11.50; July, 11.60-11.60. Spot Middling at New York, 10.85.

Highest and lowest prices in the last minute of trading at New Orleans:—October, 10.81-10.80; December, 11.00-10.99. Spot Middling at New Orleans, 10.60.—*Reuter.*

LIQUIDATION AT LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

American Futures opened rather irregular, but with a fair amount of Continental buying the market was comparatively active, but, later, liquidation of October caused adverse influence, and the close was quiet at 2 points decline.

Egyptian contracts again suffered some realisations, and the tendency was barely steady. Sakellaridis were 9 points lower, and Upper 4 to 1 points lower.

Closing Futures:—American: September, 5.89; October, 5.85; November, 5.86; December, 5.92; January, 5.96; February, 5.99; March, 6.06; April, 6.09; May, 6.15; June, 6.19; July, 6.23; August, 6.26; September, 6.29; January (1932), 6.38. Sakellaridis: November, 9.25; December, 9.32; January, 9.38; March, 9.56; May, 9.74; July, 9.86. Upper: November, 7.10; December, 7.15; January, 7.20; March, 7.33; May, 7.47; July, 7.64.

Spot Market:—Americans in moderate inquiry. Values declined 7 points. Brazilian down 7 points. Egyptians in fair demand. Sakellaridis, Upper, and "fully good fair" and below of Pilion are 10, and "good" and above of Pilion 15 points lower. Sakellaridis "extra fine" unchanged. East Indians show a loss of 5 points.

Spot Quotations:—American middling, 6.19; Brazilian Pernam Maceio, etc., fair 5.89; Egyptian Sakellaridis F.G.F., 10.40; East Indian M.G. Broach good F.G. 4.20, fine 4.45; Tinnevelly F.G.F. 5.45, good 5.70; M.G. Oomra good 3.60, F.G. 3.80, fine 4.00; M.G. Bengal good 3.35, F.G. 3.50, fine 3.65.—*Reuter.*

STEADY TRADING ON CURB.

SLIGHT RECOVERY IN UTILITIES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Prominent issues were steady during to-day's trading, with no signs of a recurrence of yesterday's selling. Buying was not active, and the rallying power of most stocks, notably Utilities, was not particularly impressive.

Among Utilities, American Super Power and Electric Bond and Share were the most brisk, but recorded only fractional changes.

Oils eased from fractions to more than one point on a small turnover. Newmont Mining and Ford of England were supported, while Investment shares moved narrowly.

Eng. Equiv	Stocks.	Closing bid.	
		Sat.	Fri.
130¾	American Gas and Electric	127½	125½
61¾	American Light and Traction (New)	60	60¼
31	Associated Gas and Electric A.	30⅛	30½
36¼	Brazilian Traction Light & Power	35¼	35
28 1/16	Cities Service	27⅞	27⅞
5 1/16	Creole Oil	5½	5½
79½	Electric Bond and Share	77¼	77⅛
18½	Electric Shareholding Common	18	18
39⅞	Ford (Canada) "A"	38¾	28
118⅛	Gulf Oil of Penna	115½	115½
88½	Humble Oil	86	86¼
23⅛	Imperial Oil of Canada	22½	22
19 1/16	International Petroleum	18⅝	18¾
28 1/16	Middle West Utilities	27¼	27
86 1/16	Newmont Mining	84⅜	84
16 3/16	Niagara Hudson Power Corporation	15¾	15¾
10⅛	Penn Road Corporation	10⅝	10½
14 5/16	Silica Gel. Corporation	14⅛	14⅛
50⅛	Standard Oil of Indiana	48¾	48⅝
—	Swift International	—	33
79 1/16	Vacuum Oil	77	77
	FOREIGN SECURITIES.		
5⅛	Associated Electrical Industries	5¾	5¾
2 1/16	British Celanese Ord.*	2	2
2⅛	Burma Corporation	2⅝	2⅝
2⅛	Bwana M'Kubwa	2⅞	3
⅝	Cables and Wireless "B" c	⅝	⅝
19¼	Ford (of England) £1 shares (f.p.)	19⅝	19⅛
11 1/16	General Elect. Ord.*	11⅜	11⅛
15 1/16	Gramophone Ord.*	14¾	14¾
37 1/16	Hydro-Electric	36½	36¼
3⅞	Marconi Canada b	3¾	4
8½	Marconi Marine Ord.*	8¼	8¼
19⅛	Roan Antelope a	19¼	19¼
⅞	Spanish & Gen. Corp. Ord. Reg. & Br'.*		⅞
8¼	Triplex Glass Ord.*	8	8
7⅛	United Molasses	6⅞	6⅞

* American Deposit Receipt.
a Receipt represents four English shares.
b Warrants for Shares Sold. c £1 units.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Wheat steady, ¾c. down to unchanged; No. 2 Amber Durum Spot, 89; No. 2 Mixed Durum Spot, 87; No. 2 Northern Manitoba Spot, 88⅜; No. 2 Hard Winter Spot, 90; No. 2 Red Winter Spot, 100.

Rye, easy at 1⅝c. fall; No. 2 Spot, 60¼.

Maize.—Barley steady, ⅝c. lower; Western No. 2 Mixed Spot, 102⅝.

Flour.—Steady. Spring Clears, 100 per cent., 4.70 to 5.00.

Petroleum.—Steady. Standard White in cases, 16.65; barrels, 13.25; Philadelphia, 13.25; Mid-Cantinent Crude, 33 to 33.9 Baume, 1.18½; Pennsylvania Crude, 1.90 to 2.30.

Coffee and Cocoa and Sugar markets were closed to-day.

Rubber (outside prices).—First Latex Crêpe Spot 7⅞ buyers, Smoked Ribbed Sheets Spot 7⅞ buyers, 8 sellers, October-November-December 8 buyers, January-February-March 8⅜ buyers, 8½ sellers. Rubber Exchange of New York (closing) Contract "A," steady 10 points down to 10 up. September 7.80, October 7.80, December 8.00, January 8.10, March 8.40, May 8.70. Sales 41 lots.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

On the wheat market active covering took place following a statement by the Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Hyde, that the Soviet Government representative admits that the short sales of Chicago wheat amount to at least 5,000,000 bushels, the interpretation being that they might be forced to cover, while other shorts were uneasy on reports of an impending investigation into Russian activities. A reaction ensued under realising and prospects of an increase in the visible supply.

Wheat opened steady, 1⅛c. up to ⅝c. lower, and closed barely steady, unchanged to ⅜c. down. Closing options: September 81, December 85 to 85⅛, March 88⅜, May 91½ to 91⅝.

Maize at the opening was barely steady and 1⁄4c. to ⅞c. down and finished barely steady at declines of ⅝c. to 1c. Spot No. 2 Mixed Western 92⅛, September 89⅝, December 85¼, March 86⅞, May 88½.

Lard commenced barely steady, and the market was depressed owing to absence of support and by renewed liquidation. The closing was barely steady, with spot 5 points and futures 7½ to 2½ points lower. Prime Western steam spot, 11.60; September, 11.60; October, 11.55; December, 11.20; January, 11.12½.—*Reuter.*

WINNIPEG WHEAT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat was easy at the opening and ⅝c. to 1c. lower. The market afterwards rallied owing to a smaller movement in the North-West and further talk of readjustment in milling regulations by some European countries. A reaction set in later influenced by reports of rains in Argentina, the poor export interest, and easiness at Buenos Aires. The closing was barely steady at 1⅛c. to 1c. decline. October, 76½; December, 79¼; May, 85¾.—*Reuter.*

NEW YORK METALS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

The following quotations are supplied by Messrs. C. S. Trench and Co.

Copper.—Steady. Lake, Spot delivered consuming points in Middle West, 10.62½ asked; Electrolytic Spot delivered Connecticut Valley, 10.50 asked; Electrolytic f.a.s. New York prompt delivery, 10.75 asked; Electrolytic f.a.s. New York 30-90 days, 10.75 asked; Casting f.o.b. New York Refinery, 10.25 asked.

Straits Tin.—Steady spot and October unchanged. Spot, and Nearby New York, 29.65; Future Option October, 29.70.

Lead.—Steady and unchanged. Spot, New York, 5.50; Spot, East St. Louis, 5.35.

Zinc.—Steady and unaltered. Spot, East St. Louis, 4.25.

Copper.—The U.S. Copper Export Association quotes Copper C.I.F Hamburg 10.80.

National Metal Exchange.—Tin steady. October, 29.45; November, 29.60; December, 29.75.

Copper.—Dull. October, 10.20; November, 10.25; December, 10.30.—*Reuter.*

"SUNDAY TIMES" NEW YORK CLOSING PRICES

RAILROADS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid.		Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid.		Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid.	
		Sat.	Fri.			Sat.	Fri.			Sat.	Fri.
223¾	Atchison	217½	216⅛	79¾	Gt. Nthn. Pf.	77½	78	236⅞	Norfolk & West	230¼	225
142	Atlantic C. L.	138	138¼	115¾	Illinois Central	112½	113	71½	Northern Pacific	69½	70
102⅜	Baltimore & O.	99½	99	16 3/16	Int. R. C. Am.	16⅛	16⅛	74 11/16	Pennsylvania	72⅝	72¼
189 5/16	Canadian Pac.	184	184⅞	69 3/16	Kans. City S.	67¼	67¼	109 1/16	Reading	106	106¼
47 13/16	,, ,, (New)	46⅜	46⅜	118 5/16	Louisvl. & Nash.	115	115	88½	S. Louis S. Fran.	86	87
48⅛	Ches. & Ohio*	46¾	47½	1 13/16	Mex. Nat. 1st Pf.	1¾c	1¾a	62¾	St. Louis S.W.	61	64½
9⅝	Chic. G. West	9⅜	9¼	⅞	Do. 2nd Pref.	⅞b	⅞b	4½	Sea. Air Line	4⅜	4½
34 7/16	Do. Prfd.	33½	34	39⅜	Missri. K. & Tex.	38¼	38½	119 5/16	Southern Pacific	116	116
14⅛	Chic. Mil. St. P.	13¾	14¼	99¼	Do. Pref.	96½	96½	86 7/16	Southern Rly.	84	83
22⅜	Do. Pref.	21¾	21⅝	64 13/16	Missouri Pacific	63⅛	64	221 11/16	Union Pacific	215½	216
96 3/16	Chic. Rock Is.	93⅞	93⅝	123 7/16	Do. Pref.	120	120	30⅞	Wabash New	30	30
40⅜	Erie	39¼	39¼	165⅝	N.Y. Central	161	160½	71	Do. Pref. A.	69	69
56 13/16	Do. 1st Pf.	55¼	55¼	106½	New Haven	103½	104	16¾ d.	Silver	36⅝	36¾

a Bid, 2¾ asked. b Bid, 1 asked. c Bid, 2¾ asked. d Bid, 1⅛ asked. * New.

INDUSTRIALS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid.		Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid.		Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Closing bid.	
		Sat.	Fri.			Sat.	Fri.			Sat.	Fri.
120⅝	Air Reduction	117¼	118½	118 3/16	Du Pont Nms.	115¼	115	14¼	Nevada Cns. C.	13⅞	13⅞
21 1/16	Alleghany Corp.	20½	20½	214	Eastman Kodak	208	208	68 15/16	Otis Elevator	67	67
272⅞	Allied C. and Dye	265¼	263	60 13/16	Elec. Stor. Bat.	64	64	13	Packard Motors	12⅝	12⅝
53⅛	Allis-Chalmers	51⅝	51½	48⅞	Fox Film "A"	47½	47	58⅞	Paramount Publix	57¼	57½
126 13/16	Am. Can	123¼	122⅝	42 1/16	Gen. Asphalt	41½	41½	42 11/16	Penick & Ford	41½	41
40⅛	Am. Loco.	39	39¾	70⅝	Gen. Electric	68⅝	68⅜x	67½	Pullman Co.	65⅝	65⅞
26	Am. Radiator &			58⅜	Gen. Foods Cor.	56¾	55⅜	28 3/16	Remington Tpe.	27¾	27
	Stand. San. Co.	25¼	25¼	44⅜	Gen. Motors	43⅛	42⅞	32 13/16	Republic I. & S.	32	32½
47 7/16	Am. Rolling Mills	46⅛	46	76⅛	Gen. Refractors	74	74¼	52 3/16	Reynold Tob. B.	50¾	50½
66¾	Am. Smelt. & R.	64⅞	64⅜	66⅝	Gillette Razor	64¾	63¾	38 3/16	St. Joseph Ld.	37½	37¼
38 1/16	Am. Steel Fs.	37	37	23⅜	Goodrich B. F.	22¾	23¼	69 3/16	Sears-Robk.	67½	67½
52½	Am. Sugar Ref.	51	50½	30 1/16	Hudson Motors	29¼	29⅛	20 1/16	Stan. Brands	19½	19⅜
119⅞	*Am. Tobac. "B"	116½	120	198 13/16	Ingersoll Rand	193	192	31⅞	Studebaker Cn.	31	31
46 1/16	Anaconda	44¾	44½	6 7/16	Int. Combustion	6¼	6⅜	59 7/16	Tex. Gf. Sul.	57¾	57¾
53½	Atlantic Gulf	52	52	78 3/16	Int. Harvester	76⅜	74¼x	4⅛	Tobacco Prods*	4	4
32⅛	Baldwin Loco.	31¼	31	80¼	Int. Match Pref.	78	78	75⅞	Union Carbide	73¾	73
89	Bethlem. Steel	86½	86	21⅜	Int. M. Marine	20¾	21⅛	57⅜	United Aircraft	55¾	55½
13⅛	Calumet and H.	12¾	12⅞	25 3/16	Intern. Nickel	24½	24⅜	32 13/16	United Corp.	32	32
13⅞	Celanese of Am.	13½	13½	15 13/16	Intern. Paper 'A'	15½	15	86 13/16	United Fruit	84½	84⅛
43¾	Cerro de Pasco	42½	43	34¾	Kennecott Cop.	33¾	34	70 3/16	U.S. In. Alcohol	68¼	68
38 1/16	Chile Copper	37	36	27 13/16	Kreuger & Toll	27⅛	26⅞	18½	U.S. Rubber	18	17¾
27	Chrysler Motor	26¼	26⅞	94⅝	Lambert Co.	92	91⅛	21⅝	U.S. Smelting	21	21½
125½	Columbia Carb.	122	120½	76⅜	Lehman Corp.	74¼	73⅝	168 7/16	U.S. Steel	163¾	163
16 11/16	Columbia Graph.	16¼	16	100 13/16	Liggett Myers	98	97	153 3/16	Do. Pref.	149¼	149⅛
29 13/16	Cont. Bakng. A.	29	28⅛	75¼	Loew's Incor.	73⅛	74	257 3/16	Utah Copper	250g	250g
58⅝	Cont. Can	57	56¼	55 3/16	Mack Trucks	54	53½	85	Vanadium Cpn.	82⅝	82
90¼	Corn Prod. Rf.	87¾	87⅝	35¼	Montg. Ward	34¼	34¼	146 5/16	Westinghouse	142¼	142
75⅜	Crucible Steel	73¼	72	33 11/16	Nash Motors	32¾	33	6 7/16	Willys Overld.	6¼	6⅜
—	Curtiss Aero.	—	—	84⅝	Natl. Biscuit	82¼	82¾x	65 13/16	Woolworth	64	63¾
26¼	Davison Chem.	25½	25¼	46 3/16	Natl. Cash Reg.	45	4[illegible]	121⅝	Worthn. Pump.	118¼	116½
83 1/16	Drug Incorptd.	81	80¼	54⅛	Natl. Dairy	52⅝	52½	113 3/16	Y'ungstn. Sheet	110g	110g
17⅝	Dunhill Intntl.	17⅛	16¾	131 11/16	National Lead	128	128				

g Asked. *New.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
69 5/16	Am. & For. Power	67⅜	67⅝	31⅜	Int. Rapid Trns.	30½	29	195 7/16	Philadel. Com.	190	190
217 5/16	Am. Tel. and Tlg.	211¼	209¼x	41 13/16	Int. Tel. Teleg.	40¾	40¾x	93⅞	Pub. Serv. N.J.	91¼	90½
96 13/16	Am. Water Wks.	94¼	95	46 7/16	Nat. Pow. & Light	45⅛	45	38 1/16	Radio Corpn.	37	36¾
63 13/16	Columbia Gas	62⅛	62	104 13/16	North Am. Co.	102	102¼	100 13/16	Standard Gas	98	99¼
13⅝	Comwlth. Sthn.	13¼	13⅜	60 3/16	Pacific G. & El.	58½	58	36¾	United Gas Imp.	35¾	35⅝
71½	Elec. P. and L.	69½	69	265 7/16	Peoples Gas	258	260	165⅝	W. Union Tlg.	161	163½

OILS.

Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.	Eng. equiv.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
33 1/16	Atlantic Refin.	32⅛	32	49¼	Royal Dutch	47⅞	48	68 13/16	Standard N.J.	67	67½
28 13/16	California Pet.	28	28	42 1/16	Shell	41½	41½	31¼	Do. N.Y.	30⅜	30½
23 3/16	Mid-Cont. Pet.	22⅞	22⅞	14⅜	Shell Union	14	14	52 5/16	Texas Corpn.	50⅞	50¾
52½	Pan Amer. B	51	51⅜	21⅜	Sinclair	20¾	20⅝	12⅜	Tr. Continental	12	12⅛
18	Petroleum Corp.	17½	17¼	61 5/16	Stand. California	59⅝	59⅝	39⅜	Union Oil Calif.	38¼	38½

[Quotations from the "Sunday Times" New York Correspondent and Reuter's Agency.]

BRIDGE.

Conducted by YARBOROUGH.

MATCH PLAY.

During the past week a Bridge match has been in progress at the New Almacks Club between four American and four British players. The American players, Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson, Baron Von Zedtwitz, and Mr. Theodore Lightner, are all well-known players, who have proved their skill by winning important Bridge competitions in America. We have had none of these competitions over here to test the skill of our players in Contract and gauge their comparative merits.

In the absence of such tests, Colonel W. Buller has undertaken, on his own responsibility, to select a team from among our players, who were willing to accept his leadership, to meet the four American players. The result of the play up to date is in favour of the visitors. Readers of this column are principally interested in the difference in the character of the bidding and play of the two sides.

AMERICAN SKILL IN TEAM-BIDDING.

The novelty of playing a duplicate game of Contract cannot have made any appreciable difference to our players, for they were leading after the first afternoon's play. It is fairly clear, however, that the American players are ahead of ours in their technique as a team. Their system of valuation of hands and the team-bidding founded on it were alike extremely accurate. I rarely miss an opportunity in this column of impressing on readers the importance of accurate valuation and accurate bidding. Contract cannot be successfully played on unconventional lines. The basis of sound team-bidding is some system of conventional interchange of information on the high-card strength of the two hands. Without this it is impossible to get the maximum out of hands.

British players, however good naturally, will never succeed in matches unless they perfect the technique of their team-bidding. It is not enough that a player is bidding his own hand wonderfully well; his partner must know how to interpret this bidding. It is in the perfection of the technique of their team-bidding that the American players excel. I have not had time to watch many games of the match, but the following two examples from the play will illustrate methods of bidding.

A BID OF A SMALL SLAM.

The first example is of hands played successfully in one room by the American team in a contract of "Six Spades" and in the other room by the British team in "Three No-trumps."

♠ K Q x
♥ x x
♦ A K Q x
♣ 9 x x x

Y

Z

♠ J 10 9 x x
♥ A K J 10 x
♦ x
♣ A x

In both rooms the bidding began with "One Diamond" by Y, followed by "Two Hearts" by Z; then "Two No-trumps" by Y. The American Z at this stage bid "Three Spades," while the British team closed the bidding at "Three No-trumps." The American Y followed with a bid of "Four Spades"; Z said "Five Spades," and then Y "Six Spades." The American team, in finding a Slam bid, thus secured a net advantage on this hand of 575 points. The reason why the American team found a Slam bid was because of the information conveyed by Z's "forcing" bid of "Two Hearts." The British team made the same "forcing" bid, but then to this team the bid had not the same conventional significance. Each bid made by the American team announced an exact measure of strength. Apart from conventions, I cannot myself see why the British Z did not bid his hand as a two-suiter, showing his second suit (Spades) over "Two No-trumps." The bid of "Five Spades" by the American Z was no gamble. His partner had bid Diamonds and had probably the Ace and King of that suit; consequently, he held no losing tricks in the two minor suits. His partner had denied Hearts, so probably had not more than a doubleton and the third round could be ruffed. Again his partner had bid "No-trumps," thereby announcing one or more guards in Spades. The contract of "Five Spades" was therefore a certainty, and if Y held better Spades than his "No-trump" bid implied, he might make, as he did, a bid of "Six Spades."

A MISSED OPPORTUNITY.

The second example is an instructive one. The American team, holding only two-and-a-half Quick Tricks, secured the declaration in "Two Spades" in one room against the British side, which held six Quick Tricks and a good suit. Here are the hands:—

♠ Q 9 8 x x
♥ x
♦ J x x
♣ 10 9 8 x

♠ x
♥ A K 8
♦ K Q x x
♣ A J x x x

Y
A B
Z

♠ x x x
♥ 10 x x x
♦ A x x
♣ K Q x

♠ A K J 10
♥ Q J 9 7 x
♦ x x x
♣ x

YZ were here the American side. Z dealt and bid "One Spade"; A doubled, and Y said "Two Spades" and all passed. AB were vulnerable, but YZ not vulnerable. The double of a bid of "One Spade" cannot in this situation be a good bid. Y with any semblance of support is going to bid "Two Spades," and B cannot then have enough high cards in his hand for a bid of "Three" of anything. A must himself make a bid. His hand contains four Quick Tricks, and if to this be added the two-and-a-half Quick Tricks that justify Z's opening bid, then there are only about two Quick Tricks left for both Y and B. At most, then, B can only have just enough for a minimum supporting bid.

The bidding of these hands was remarkable enough in this room in that the British side, pursuing a policy of unconventional bidding, might with enterprise have secured the declaration and found its way to a game bid in Clubs, but failed to do so. It would have required a little pluck certainly for a vulnerable side to make a game bid in Clubs, but somehow or other this bid should have been found, as B had actually the two missing Quick Tricks and a very useful hand.

THE AMERICAN METHOD.

In the other room something more remarkable was happening. The British Z also began with a bid of "One Spade." The American A then made the unusual bid of "Two Spades"—the equivalent of a conventionally strong informatory double which compels a reply from the partner. His partner then bid "Three Hearts," which A raised to "Four." Z doubled, and his partner, pardonably but unfortunately, took the double out into "Four Spades," in which contract they were doubled and went down. The notable feature of the bidding in this room was that the American side bid up fully on its six Quick Tricks. This hand is particularly instructive in showing how much more useful a positive bid may be than a negative double or its equivalent when holding a very strong hand and a suit which can be bid. I believe the negative double is not used sufficiently often, but on the exceptional occasions like the present one, where the bidder has (1) an exceptionally strong hand, and (2) a "biddable" suit, it is better to make an ordinary or a "forcing" bid in the suit than to double a "Spade" call. The American view of a "forcing" bid in this situation—i.e., "Three Clubs" over "One Spade"—is that it is not a real "forcing" bid, and that the partner would not be bound to take out into his long suit—here of four Hearts to the 10. Hence the bid of "Two Spades" as an effective "forcing" bid on such a strong hand. The *natural* interpretation of a "forcing" bid of "Three Clubs" here is that it demands a response from the partner on a hand with rather less than minimum support, and in the present case this interpretation would have resulted in success. It is interesting to note that neither team found the best declaration on this hand. The example is one of the rarer occasions on which the normally accurate technique of American bidding failed to find the best declaration.

All the features of the American system of bidding are very interesting, in that their bids are *apparently* on natural lines, but are in reality all invested with strictly conventional significance, thoroughly understood by every member of the team and by anyone else who wishes to follow them. The British side will have every opportunity to score spasmodic successes on "gappy" hands, but in the majority of hands where training in system and convention can be of paramount importance, the advantage

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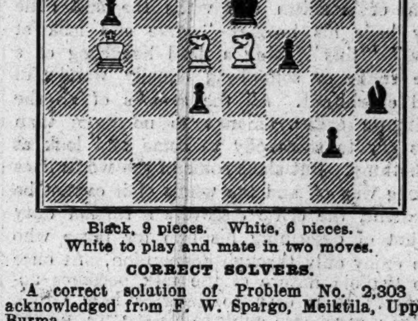
CHESS.

By L. VAN VLIET.

Solutions of Problem No. 2,309: 1. Q—B3, K—B6; 2. Q—K2, K—Q5! 3. Kt—Q5 mate. If 1. . . K—K4, 2. Kt—B5, etc. If 1. . . Kt—B4, 2. K—B4 (?), 2. Q—Q5. If 1. . . Kt—B4, 2. Kt—B5 (ch), P x B; 3. Kt—Q6! Or, 2. . . K—K4 (?); 3. B mates. If 1. . . Kt—Q3, 2. Kt—B5 (double ch), etc. If 1. . . P—B4, 2. Q—K2! any move; 3. Kt—Q5. And if 1. . . P—R5, then, 2. B—Kt3 (the only correct move)! any move; 3. Kt—B4, or Kt—Kt4, or Q—Q5, accordingly.

No. 2,310: 1. B—Kt5, any move; 2. Q, B, or Kt mates, accordingly. 1. B—R6 (?), K—Q4!

PROBLEM No. 2,311.—By T. C. EVANS.



Black, 9 pieces. White, 6 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

CORRECT SOLVERS.

A correct solution of Problem No. 2,303 is acknowledged from F. W. Spargo, Meiktila, Upper Burma.

Additional correct solutions of Problem No. 2,309 are acknowledged from E. Sanders ("Beautiful strategy and difficult"), E. J. Archer ("The top of what a 3-mover achieves"), Arbieff ("A very fine problem with difficult second moves"), Mala ("Difficult and beautiful"), D. T. Barry ("Replies to Kt moves and RP move are splendid!"), Tramp ("A staggerer!"), F. H. Merrick, R. H. Thompson, M. E. M. Jago ("A beauty"), Maxwell Jackson ("Beautiful, both in variety and economy"), W. H. York, J. Sidebottom, H. W. Meadows, E. J. Baker, E. A. Lassen ("A very beautiful problem"), J. Silbersweig, A. F. Scott, F. P. Younghusband, J. F. Powell, C. E. Craig, Rev. W. Scott, Dr. Edridge-Green, E. F. Cowen, W. R. Rayer, R. G. Howes, "Broadwater," and E. A. Chamberlain.

Correct solutions of Problem No. 2,310 have been received from I. M. Brown ("A dainty morsel of constructive purity"), J. E. Vaughan ("Four charming mates"), Clephane, Heureka, J. P. Orr, Dr. Edridge-Green, V. G. Walrond, Admiral Stuart Nicholson, Mrs. Emily Chase, F. Hurst, Tramp, Arbieff, H. W. Meadows, J. R. Wilson, W. G. Lowe, A. Le Grys, C. White, A. F. Scott, Edgley, J. Silbersweig, M. E. M. Jago, W. H. York, Ballygiblin, T. G. Laslett, M. Nierenstein, M. M., R. H. Thompson, F. P. Younghusband, E. J. Baker, E. A. Lassen, J. I. Binks, Rev. W. Scott, E. F. Cowen, J. F. Powell, A. A. Maris, D. Corby, V. H. Sladen, W. R. Rayer, P. Martin, E. C. de Segundo, R. H. Kettle, H. C. Robson, H. H. Greenway, J. F. Robins, H. T. Asche, B. C. Dickinson, S. D. Gibson, C. E. Craig, F. H. Summers, J. W. Pearson, Abdahab, E. A. Chamberlain, R. G. Howes, and "Broadwater."

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

An International Chess Tournament began at Frankfort on September 6 with twelve first-class players—C. Ahues, E. Colle, I. Kashdan, P. List, Professor Mannheimer, J. Mieses, A. Niemzowitsch, W. Orbach, V. Pire, D. Przepiorka, F. Sämisch, and Sir G. A. Thomas. Subjoined is a most instructive game played in the tournament between Professor Mannheimer and Niemzowitsch:—

FRENCH DEFENCE.

White. Mannheimer.	Black. Niemzowitsch.	White. Mannheimer.	Black. Niemzowitsch.
1 P—K4	P—K3	21 P—KB4 (f)	Q—Q2
2 P—Q4	P—Q4	22 Kt—B3	Q—K3 ?
3 Kt—QB3	B—Kt5	23 Kt—K5!	Q—K3 (g)
4 P x P	P x P	24 R—Kt sq	P—Kt3
5 Kt—B3 (a)	Kt—K2	25 K—R2	Kt—B5!
6 B—Q3	QKt—B3	26 B—K3	P—KKt4!
7 P—KR3 (b)	B—KB4	27 P—Kt3	R—B3
8 B x B	Kt x B	28 QR—K sq	R—KKt sq
9 Castles	B x Kt!	29 B—B sq	P—Kt4!
10 P x B	Castles	30 Kt—B3	P—KKt5
11 Q—Q3	Kt—Q3!	31 P x P	R x P!
12 Kt—Kt5	P—KKt3	32 Kt—Kt sq	KR—Kt3 (h)
13 B—B4	Q—B3	33 R—B3	Q—Kt sq
14 B—Q2 (c)	P—KR3	34 Kt—K2	P—KR4
15 Kt—B3	K—R2	35 K—Kt2	P—R5
16 Kt—R2	Q—R sq ?	36 [illegible]—R sq !	P—R3
17 Q—K3	Q—Kt2	37 R—R3	Q—Kt3
18 Q—B3 (d)	Kt—K5!	38 B—K3	Q—R3 ! (i)
19 B—B sq	P—B4	39 B—B2	Q x P and wins (j)
20 Q—Q3	Kt—R4! (e)		

(a) Beginning badly. Much superior is: 5 B—Q3, Kt—K2. 6. Kt—K2.

(b) Unnecessary and weakening. 7. Castles, was safe; and if then 7. . . B—Kt5; 8. B—K2.

(c) Six moves were wasted in the course of the game with this piece. The better continuation was B x Kt.

(d) And here P—B3, preventing Kt—K5; was indicated

(e) Black's main efforts were directed to preventing the advance of the weak QBP!

(f) If now, P—B3, then, Kt—KKt6 and P—B5!

(g) He could not play, Q x P, on account of 24. Q x Q, Kt x Q; 25 B—Q2, Kt—K7 (ch); 26. K—B2! Hence 22. . . Q—B3, was wasted.

(h) Not, R x P; 33. R x Kt! winning a piece.

(i) Having tied up the adversary on the King's side, Black is now free to attack the Queen's side; and without fear of resistance.

(j) Continued. 40. B—K sq, P—R4; 41. K—B sq, Q—Kt3! 42 Kt—Kt sq, P—R5; 43. K—K2, P—R6; 44 R—R sq, P—R7; 45. Resigns.

The Frankfort Tournament ended on Thursday in a fine victory for Niemzowitsch, with the score of 9½, out of a possible 11! He lost not a single game. Kashdan, a young player of New York, who has come rapidly to the front of late, won the second prize with 9 points; Ahues and List tied for the third and fourth prizes, with 7 points each; and Colle won the fifth prize with 6½. Non-prize-winners: Przepiorka, 6; Pire, 5½; Sämisch, 5; Mieses, 4; Sir George Thomas, 3; Prof. Mannheimer, 2; Orbach, 1½.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DR. E. G.—We have no idea.

J. F. P. (Lambeth) and A. A. M. (Cambridge).—Your suggestions have been advanced in the past again and again by other readers. The main obstacle is lack of space.

E. J. A. (Mill Hill).—"Originals" *are* wanted, and it is rather absurd to suggest the contrary. If the "something" you have composed happens to be a three-mover, with an original theme, a well-hidden key, good variety, with a couple of model mates, and absence of avoidable duals, or a two-mover with three model mates out of four, as in our last Sunday's two-mover, then we can promise you prompt publicity.

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will be with the American side. Let us hope, then, that unusual hands will prevail till the end of the match.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NORTH.—Fourth hand after three passes should bid "One No-trump" on Spades, A, 10, 7, 6; Hearts K, 8, 3 Diamonds, A, 10, 9, 5; Clubs, K, 8.

R. O. D.—A bid of "One Diamond" by A after a pass by the dealer is justified on Spades, A, J, 10, x; Hearts x, x, x; Diamonds, K, Q, 8, x; Clubs, J, 9; but, personally, I prefer a bid of "One Spade"

KISSA.—(1) See Law 21 (3): "If it is found that either side has conceded a trick or tricks which the opponents could not win by any play of the cards, the latter cannot claim such trick or tricks." (2) In Contract either side can take the penalty of two tricks for a revoke.

R. W. P.—(1) When the finger or thumb has lost contact with a turned trick it is "quitted" for purposes of Law 52 (2) establishing a revoke. (2) Law 60 does not mean that if no game has been scored no money passes; it simply fixes the fractional value of the rubber points to the side which has won one game when play ceases, and the settlement of the unfinished rubber includes these points, if any.

SUGNA.—(1) After A has, in Contract, opened the bidding with "Four Clubs," his partner B (holding Spades K, 10, x, x; Hearts, x, x; Diamonds, A, Q, x, x; Clubs, x, x) must raise the contract to a game bid of "Five Clubs." (2) Although A made an exact game bid of "Three Spades" when he had a partial score of 35, his partner B holding Spades, Q, x, x; Hearts, A, x, x, x; Diamonds, A, x, x; Clubs, K, J, 10, ought to bid "Four Spades," inviting a Slam bid.

G. M.—After the dealer's bid of "Two Hearts" in Contract, his partner, holding Spades, A, 10, x, x, x; Hearts Q; Diamonds, A, J, x; Clubs, A, Q, J, x, announces the possession of the Aces of all the three other suits by bidding "Four No-trumps," as this is a Slam invitation bid. The original bidder holding three and a-half Quick Tricks (i.e., one more than his original bid on a long suit need imply), will then bid "Five No-trumps," and the bidding can be carried to "Six No-trumps."

GAYWOOD asks for a criticism of the following bidding: Z (dealer) holding Hearts, x, x, x; Diamonds, K, Q, x, x, x, x; Clubs, x, x, x, passed; Y, holding Spades, A, x, x; Hearts, A, x; Diamonds, A, J, x, x; Clubs, K, Q, J, x, bid "One No-trump"; B, "Two Spades"; Z, "Three Diamonds"; A, "Three Spades"; Y, "Three No-trumps"; B, "Four Spades"; Z, "No Bid"; A, "No Bid"; Y, "Double," and all pass. Answer.—It is unlucky for YZ that AB made their contract of "Four Spades," but no blame attaches to them for not bidding "Six Diamonds" or "Four No-trumps." The bidding was in order, but an original bid of "Two No-trumps" would have simplified it.

R. W. P. inquires what A, holding Spades, A, K, J; Hearts, A, K, 9, x; Diamonds, Q, 10, x, x; Clubs, x, x, at the score AB 90, YZ nil, in the rubber game should say after the following Contract bidding: Z, "No Bid"; A, "One Heart"; Y, "No Bid"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "Two Clubs"; A, "Double"; Y, "No Bid"; B, "Two Hearts"; Z, "Two Spades"; A, "Three Hearts"; Y, "Three Spades"; B, "No Bid"; Z, "No Bid." Answer.—A bid of "Four Diamonds" will now give B the option of converting this bid to "Four Hearts" if he happens to be stronger in Hearts. If YZ are bidding soundly on Z's two-suit hand a double will not be profitable, and exploring the value of B's holding in Diamonds offers the best chance of game and rubber.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES.

Following a concert by the Gershom Parkington Quintet, Miss Elsie Hall will give a pianoforte recital this afternoon on the National programme. In the evening the harvest festival service in the Parish Church of Mells, Frome, will be relayed.

NATIONAL (261.3 metres and 1,554.4 metres).

10.30-10.45.—Time and Weather.
3.0.—Church Cantata (No. 17), Bach, Wer Dank Opfert, der Preiset Mich (For Thankoffering we Praise Thee, Lord); Isobel Baillie (soprano), Doris Owens (contralto), Eric Greene (tenor), Stanley Riley (bass); Wireless Chorus; B.B.C. Orchestra.
3.45.—For the Children: About an Astonishing Plan, by Miss Phyllis Dent.
4.0.—Missionary Talk: The Black Prophet of the Ivory Coast, by Rev. W. J. Platt.
4.15.—Gershom Parkington Quintet: Dorothy Tillett (soprano), Robert Easton (baritone).
5.30.—Recital by Elsie Hall (pianoforte).
6.0-6.15.—Bible Reading: The Letters of St. Paul, 8—Ephesians, ch. 3 and 4.
6.30 (1,554.4 metres).—Service (in Welsh): Lesson read by J. Bryniog Jones, Address by Rev. R. S. Rogers, relayed from Welsh Baptist Chapel, Swansea.
7.55.—Harvest Festival Service: Sermon by Canon James O. Hannay, relayed from Parish Church of Mells, Frome.
8.45.—Miss Marion Ogilvie-Forbes appeals for the Child Emigration Society.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—B.B.C. Orchestra; Stiles Allen (soprano), Eda Kersey (violin).
10.30.—Epilogue.

LONDON REGIONAL (356.3 metres).

3.30.—Wireless Military Band; Clara Serena (contralto), Parry Jones (tenor).
5.0-5.30.—Beginnings of Christian Theology, 8—The Arian Controversy and the Council and Creed of Nicaea; the Story of the First General Council, by Rev. J. K. Mozley.
7.55.—National.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—International String Quartet; Sumner Austen (baritone).
10.30.—Epilogue.

MIDLAND REGIONAL (479.2 metres).

3.30.—Midland Wireless Orchestra; Burton Harper (baritone), Jan Berenska (violin).
5.0-5.30.—London Regional.
7.50.—Service, conducted by Canon A. W. F. Blunt, relayed from St. Mary's Church, Nottingham.
8.45.—National.
8.50.—Weather and News.
9.5.—London Regional.
10.30.—Epilogue.

MANCHESTER (376.4 metres); **NEWCASTLE** (288.5 metres); **LIVERPOOL** (288.5 metres); **LEEDS-BRADFORD** (200 and 288.5 metres); **SHEFFIELD** (288.5 metres); **HULL** (288.5 metres); and **STOKE-ON-TRENT** (288.5 metres).—3.0.—National. 4.15.—Northern Wireless Orchestra; Booth Unwin (bass), Stephen Wearing (pianoforte). 6.0-6.15.—National. 8.0.—Students' Missionary Campaign Service: Address by Rev. H. F. Woolnough relayed from Bradford Cathedral. 8.45.—National. 9.5.—Northern Wireless String Quartet: John Coates (tenor). 10.30.—Epilogue.

CARDIFF (309.9 metres) and **SWANSEA** (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 6.30.—Service (in Welsh): Lesson by J. Bryniog Jones; Address by Rev. R. S. Rogers, relayed from Capel Gomer, Abertawe. 7.55.—Mells Harvest Festival: Sermon by Canon James O. Hannay, relayed from Parish Church, Mells Frome. 8.45.—National. 9.5.—National Orchestra of Wales; Trefor Jones (tenor), relayed from Pavilion, Llandaff Fields. 10.0.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue. 10.40-11.0.—Silent Fellowship.

BELFAST (242.3 metres).—3.0.—National. 4.15.—Symphony Orchestra; Alexander McCredie (tenor), Carl Fuchs (violoncello). 6.0-6.15.—National. 6.45-8.0.—Service: Address by Rev. Canon P. W. N. Shirley, relayed from St. James's Parish Church, Belfast. 8.45-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

BOURNEMOUTH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 7.55.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

PLYMOUTH (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 8.0.—Service, from George Street Baptist Church, Plymouth. Address by Rev. T. Wilkinson Riddle. 8.45-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

GLASGOW (398.9 metres); **ABERDEEN** (301.5 metres); **DUNDEE** (288.5 metres); and **EDINBURGH** (288.5 metres).—3.0-6.15.—National. 6.30-7.45.—Service: Address by Rev. A. R. Howell, relayed from Paisley Abbey. 8.45-9.5.—National. 10.30.—Epilogue.

DUBLIN (413 metres) (relay of Cork).—8.30.—Station Orchestra. 8.45.—Cait Ni Chonchubhair (Amhrain Gaedhilge). 9.0.—Kathleen Cahalane (Bheidhlin). 9.10.—Maura O'Connor (mezzo-soprano). 9.25.—Prof. Laszlo Laszlo Gergely (piano). 9.50.—Maura O'Connor. 10.5.—Kathleen Cahalane. 10.15.—Cait Ni Chonchubhair. 10.30.—Station Orchestra.

FOREIGN FEATURES.

BRUSSELS (505.8 metres, 1 kw.).—5.—Dance Music. 8.15.—"Yes, Kitty," Operetta (Alexys). 10.40-11.40 (338.2 metres).—I.B.C. Concert of Dance Music for British listeners.

BUDAPEST (550 metres, 23 kw.).—4.—Hungarian Folk Songs. 5.15.—Balalaika Orchestra. 8.—Orchestral Selections and Tzigane Music.

COPENHAGEN (281 metres, 0.75 kw.) and **KALUNDBORG** (1,153 metres, 10 kw.).—1.40.—Talk in English, "The Tower." 9.35.—Piano Sonata in F (Mozart). 9.55.—Orchestral Concert. 10.55.—Dance Music.

HILVERSUM (announced **HUIZEN**) (1,071 metres, 8.5 kw.).—11.40 a.m.—Sextet Concert. 7.50.—Orchestral Concert.

HUIZEN (announced **HILVERSUM**) (1,875 metres, 8.5 kw.).—2.40.—Choral and Orchestral Concert. 7.50.—Orchestral Concert from Amsterdam. 8.40.—Piano Recital.

MADRID (424 metres, 2 kw.).—3.—Concert. Pasodoble, Coralito (Cantos). Selections from "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo). Ballet égyptien (Luigini). Navarra (Albéniz-Arbós). 8.—Dance Music.

MILAN (501 metres, 8.5 kw.) (Relayed by Turin, 273.2 m.).—8.30.—"Eva," Operetta (Lehár).

MUNICH (533 metres, 1.5 kw.).—6.—Vocal and Instrumental Concert. 7.35.—Concert by Munich Cathedral Choir. 10.—Orchestral Concert and Dance Music

PRAGUE (487 metres, 5 kw.).—2.15.—"The Merry Wives of Windsor," Opéra-Comique (Nicolai). 7.30.—"The Two Widows," Opéra-Comique (Smetana).

ROME (441 metres, 75 kw.) (Relayed by Naples, 332 metres).—5.30.—Vocal and Instrumental Concert. 9.5.—"Linda di Chamounix," Opera (Donizetti).

STOCKHOLM (436 metres, 75 kw.) and **MOTALA** (1,345 metres, 40 kw.).—3.—Military Band Concert 7.15.—Concert of Old Music for Flute and Bass Viol. 7.45.—"Candida," Play (Bernard Shaw)

TOULOUSE (381 metres, 8 kw.).—6.25.—Song Selections 7.40.—Selections by Viennese Orchestra. 8.—Russian Songs. 8.15.—Orchestral Music.

VIENNA (516.3 metres, 20 kw.).—1.15.—Military Band Concert. 7.—'Cello Recital. 8.40.—"The Chief West Wind," Operetta (Nestroy), music by Offenbach, followed by Orchestral Concert.

ACROSTICS.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,339.

(*The Third of the Quarter.*)

The timid traveller in the air
Will often wish that he were there.

1. Article and conjunction mix
And find one prone to knavish tricks.

2. Split fish surrounds it; thus you get
For cruelty an epithet.

3. A wondrous bird with lady's name
Cathedral city will proclaim.

4. Behaved with great unwisdom when
He chose the counsel of young men.

5. Fine stream? Perhaps so, after rain;
But could it cure the gruesome bane?

W. J. B.

Solutions, addressed to the Acrostic Editor, must reach the office of the SUNDAY TIMES, *186, Strand, London, W.C.2. not later than by first post on Friday next.*

DOUBLE ACROSTIC No. 1,338, AND ANSWER.

(*The Second of the Quarter.*)

King Cricket soon will pass away,
Another monarch now holds sway.

1. The shortest month necessity
Insists must now much shorter be.
2. Musical drama here we view,
Hope rarely shows it split in two.
3. Let Humpty Dumpty's form recall
Where was the final test of all?
4. Part of a beast, or fish, or bird;
The final letter of a word.

REMUS.

1. F E B.
2. O P E R A.
3. O V A L.
4. T A I L.

Acrostic No. 1,337 (*Faint Heart*).—Correct answers were received from 271 solvers, and nine competitors scored four (or fewer) points.

Last Quarter.—Beaver, Cyno, and Halima all failed in No. 1,328 (*Duleepsinhji*): Halima sent "Exch" for the fourth light, Beaver and Cyno interchanged the fourth and fifth lights.

TO-DAY'S EVENTS.

THE CHURCHES.

St. Paul's Cathedral.—10.30: Rev. H. W. Hinde, M.A., Prebendary; 3.15: Ven. the Archdeacon of London, M.A., Canon in residence; 7: Rev. Prebendary G. H. Vincent, M.A.

Westminster Abbey.—10.15: Rev. F. S. Marsh, M.A., Tutor of Selwyn College, Cambridge; 3: Ven. R. H. Charles, D.D., Archdeacon, Canon in residence; 6.30: Rev. G. E. Newsom, D.D., Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Southwark Cathedral.—11: Rev. Canon H. G. Monroe, M.A., Canon in residence; 6.30: Rev. T. P. Stevens, A.K.C., Vicar of St. Augustine, Grove Park.

Royal Military Chapel, Wellington Barracks.—11: Archdeacon of Portsmouth; 6.30: Rev. C. Egerton Chadwick, C.F.

Military Chapel, Chelsea Barracks.—11: Parade Service, Rev. R. J. Northcott, C.F.

St. Margaret's, Westminster.—11: Rev. H. E. Sexton, Vicar of All Saints', Upper Norwood; 7. Rev. Eustace Jervis.

All Saints', Margaret Street.—11.15: Rev. Preb. Carlile, D.D.; 6: Rev. L. Gage-Brown

Brompton Parish Church, S.W.—11: Rev. F. Ll. Hughes; 6.30: Rev. H. S. Sard.

St. James's, Piccadilly.—11 and 6.15: Canon Edgar Lambert (Missions to Seamen).

St. Peter's, Bayswater.—11: Rev. H. N. Taylor; 6.30: Rev. L. T. Maund.

St. Anne's, Soho.—11 and 6.30: Dr. Roselyn Bruce.

St. George, Hanover Square.—11: Rev. Prebendary Thicknesse; 12.5: Sung Eucharist; 6.30: Rev. Thos. Eland.

St. Paul's, Knightsbridge.—10.45: Rev. Eric Hamilton, and Solemn Eucharist. 6.30: Rev. O. F. Clarke.

Holy Trinity, Sloane Street.—11.15: Rev. H. Corrion. 6.30: Rev. C. Cheshire.

St. Andrew's, Wells Street.—11.10: The Rev. C. B. Marshall. 6.30: Rev. C. B. Marshall.

Holy Trinity, St. Marylebone.—11: Rev. G. F. Saywell. 3.15: Children's Service. 6.30: Rev. H. Viney.

St. Michael's, Chester Square, S.W.—11: Rev. J. M. Jeakes. 6.30: Rev. C. C. Roach

St. Peter's Church, Piccadilly Circus (Great Windmill Street).—11.15 and 6.30: Rev. Clarence May.

St. Mary's, Bryanston Square.—11: Rev. A. E. N. Simms. 6.30: The Rev. E. J. A. Dunn.

Christ Church, St. Marylebone, Cosway St.—11: Rev. W. A. Potter. 3.15: Rev. T. G. Brinley Kay. 6.30: A. Sydney Watson, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S., address, "Contentment."

St. John's Church, Regent's Park.—11: Rev. H. Menzies. 6.30: Rev. W. A. Potter.

Holy Trinity, Paddington.—11: Rev. J. M. Vallance. 6: Canon F. W. Mervyn.

St. Martin-in-the-Fields.—11.30: Rev. H. L. Johnston. 11.30, in the Crypt: Service for Young People. 6.15: Rev. P. McCormick.

Holy Trinity, Kingsway, W.C.—11 and 6.30: Rev. H. B. Freeman, M.A., Canon of Bristol Cathedral.

St. Clement Danes, Strand.—11: Rev. W. Kingston, M.A. 6.30: Rev. W. Kingston, M.A.

St. Marylebone Parish Church.—11: Rev. H. Burns. 7: Rev. A. R. Fowler.

All Hallows, Barking-by-the-Tower.—11: Rev. P. P. Clayton, M.A., M.C. 6.30: Rev. Stanley Clapham.

St. Nicholas Cole Abbey.—11 and 7: Rev. A. McCheane, M.A.

St. Mark's, North Audley St.—11 and 6.30: Rev. W. G. Pennyman.

Kew Parish Church.—11: Rev. S. H. Biddlecombe; 6.30: Rev. N. Johnson.

Tower of London, Royal Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula.—11: Parade Service, Rev. G. Williamson, C.F.

St. Agatha's Church, Finsbury Avenue, E.C.2.—10.30 and 6.30: Rev. Everard Digby; Farewell Services; 11.30: Drumhead Service 7th London Regt. O.C.A., in Finsbury Square. Rev. Everard Digby.

St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, Fleet Street, E.C.—11, M.P. 6.30: Evensong: Dr. A. J. Macdonald; 8: H.C.

St. Mildred, Bread Street, E.C.—11.15: Choral Holy Communion, The Rector.

St. Peter-upon-Cornhill.—11 and 6.30: Rev. J. A. Smith Bullock.

St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield, E.C.1.—11: Address by Brig.-Gen. E. Moncrieff Paul, C.B.E.; 6.30: Musical Service.

St. Mary-at-Hill, Eastcheap, "Shamrock Disabled," at 7 p.m. The Rector.

Westminster Cathedral.—10.30: High Mass; 12: Low Mass, Rev. G. Higgins, C.R.L.; 3.15: Vespers; 7: Compline, Sermon, and Benediction.

The Oratory, S.W.—High Mass, 10.45 (Mozart I. in C). Vespers and Benediction, 3.30. Motet, Spiritus Domini (Elgar).

Church of the Jesuit Fathers, Farm Street, Berkeley Square, W.1.—12. L.M. Rev. R. H. J. Steuart, S.J.

Regent Square Presbyterian Church, W.C.—11 and 7: Rev. G. T. Bellhouse, M.A., B.D.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Allen Street, Kensington.—11: Rev. W. Purves Boyes, M.A.; 6.30: Rev. W. D. Maxwell, Ph.D.

City Temple, Holborn Viaduct.—11 and 7: Rev. F. W. Norwood, D.D.

Westminster Congregational Church, Buckingham Gate, S.W.1.—11 and 7: Rev. Ernest Dowsett, A.T.S.

Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road.—11 and 7: Rev. John MacBeath, M.A., of Glasgow; 3.15: Brotherhood Meeting: Mr. G. Woodgate.

Kensington Chapel, Allen Street.—11 and 6.30: Rev. J. Ernest James, B.D.

Paddington Chapel, Marylebone Road.—11 and 7: Rev. James Cregan.

Scottish National Church, Russell Street, Covent Garden, W.C.—11.15 and 6.30: Rev. Joseph Moffett, B.A.

St. John's Wood Presbyterian Church, Marlborough Place, N.W.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Alexander.

St. Columba's (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, S.W.—11: Rev. Dr. G. Gordon Stott; 6.30: Rev. Dr. G. Gordon Stott.

Marylebone Presbyterian Church.—11 and 7: Rev. J. Golder Burns, B.D.

Central Hall, Westminster.—11 and 7: Rev. Dinsdale T. Young, D.D.; 3.30: Rev. C. Claud Mayes, B.A.

Kingsway Hall.—11 and 7: Rev. Ira G. Goldhawk; 6.30: Recital, Mr. Allan Brown, F.R.C.O.; Vocalist, Mr. Roland Weddell; 3.30: Sacred Concert; Orchestral Music under the direction of Mr. Frederick Honick, A.R.C.M.; Vocalist, Miss Ella Snow, L.R.A.M.; Address by Rev. W. R. Rice.

Wesley's Chapel, City Road, E.C.—11: Rev. Dr. J. Shera Montgomery (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.); 6.30: Rev. Principal W. E. Bennett (New South Wales).

Guildhouse, Eccleston Square, S.W.1.—6.30: Rev. Malcolm Spencer, M.A.

St. Ethelburga the Virgin, Bishopsgate, E.C.—11 and 6.30: Rev. Dr. Geikie-Cobb.

Spiritualist Community, Grotrian Hall, 115, Wigmore Street, W.—11: Mr. Dimsdale Stocker; Clairvoyant, Miss Lily Thomas; 6.30: Dr. de Graf Johnson; Clairvoyant, Mrs. Annie Johnson.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

TO-DAY.

Duke of Connaught visits Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and inspects Gentlemen Cadets on Church Parade, and attends parade service at College Memorial Chapel.

Opening of Jews' Temporary Shelter, 63, Mansell Street, Aldgate.

TO-MORROW.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P., opens Wool Industries Research Conference, Imperial Institute.

British Refractories Research Association—Meeting, Olympia.

St. Matthew's Day: Bluecoat Boys from Christ's Hospital, Horsham, and Bluecoat Girls from Christ's Hospital, Hertford, attend Service at Christ Church, Newgate Street, 3, and afterwards entertained at the Mansion House.

TUESDAY.

City of London Conservative Association.—Mr. H. J. Duggan addresses 1912 Club on "The Need for United Conservative Effort," 36, Bucklersbury, Cheapside, 8.

Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and Sheriffs of the City of London visit Building Exhibition, Olympia, 12.15.

Library Association.—Annual Conference, Cambridge (until September 25).

English Presbyterian Churches of Wales.—Conference, Merthyr Tydfil (until September 25).

Incorporated Institute of British Decorators.—Mr. A. F. Kendrick: "Persian Decorative Art," Carpenters' Hall, 8.

Institute of Marine Engineers.—Sir August B. T. Cayzer delivers Presidential Address at Inauguration of Lecture Session, The Minories, 6.

WEDNESDAY.

Royal Horticultural Society's Autumn Show of Open-Air Plants and Roses, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Municipal Tramways and Transport Association.—Annual Conference, Harrogate (until September 26).

National Federation of Clay Industries.—Annual Meeting, Building Exhibition, Olympia.

Agricultural Shows: English Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Association, Banbury; Frome Agricultural Society, Frome; North Walsham; Red Poll Cattle Society's Sale, Reading; Henley.

English Place-Name Society.—Annual Meeting, Rooms of the British Academy, 3.30.

Bishop of Leicester presides at Farewell Meeting to Missionaries, Albert Hall, 7.

Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, and Court of Common Council attend Harvest Thanksgiving, St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, 12.45.

Sir Charles Higham, Caxton Hall, Westminster, 7.

THURSDAY.

Duke of York attends Ball of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews.

Business Men's Meeting to Establish National Council of Industry, Hall of the Hudson Bay Company, Garlick Hill, 3.

Ashbourne Shire Horse Show and Ashford Ram Show.

Unveiling Memorial Bronze to the Rev. Richard Harris Barham (Author of "The Ingoldsby Legends"), Canterbury, 3.

Placing the Royal Standard of Catherine of Aragon over her tomb in Peterborough Cathedral.

Royal Asiatic Society.—Dr. R. Campbell Thompson and Mr. R. W. Hutchinson lecture on "The Excavations at Nineveh" (with lantern illustrations), 74, Grosvenor Street, 4.30.

National Federation of Master Painters and Decorators of England and Wales.—Annual Dinner, Holborn Restaurant, 6.30.

FRIDAY.

Unveiling Memorial Tablet to Sir Walter Scott, 78, Jermyn Street, 5.

SATURDAY.

Sheriffs-Elect Inauguration Breakfast, Merchant Taylors' Hall, 1.30.

King George Hospital.—Lady Muriel Paget presides at laying of Foundation Stones in the new Home for Nurses, 3.15.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Sunday Times

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Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on the 26th of October.

On Wednesday morning, four dilapidated houses, in Ratcliffe Highway, tumbled with a tremendous crash. No lives were lost, but five persons have been seriously injured. The crazy tenements have been recently condemned.

The Royal Theatres open on the 26th of September. The proprietors have agreed to play for the first six weeks as follows:—Three weeks, three nights per week; the following fortnight, four nights per week; and for the last week, five nights per week. After which every night.

A FAMILY PARTY.—Recently William Pennefather, jun., Mayor of Cashel, and returning officer, held the election for that city. The Rev. John Pennefather proposed the candidate; William Pennefather, sen., seconded him; and Matthew Pennefather was elected the member! This is called *election of a representative of the people!*

Serious disturbances have taken place at Kidderminster in consequence of one of the master carpet weavers having determined on reducing the wages of his workmen one halfpenny per yard on a particular description of work. After the lamps were lighted crowds put out all the lights. Several houses were broken open and damage done to furniture and other property. The military were called out and paraded the streets.

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THEATRES.
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CAPITOL. Reg. 4455. 6-11. Madeleine Carroll and Frank Lawton in "YOUNG WOODLEY," at 6.55 and 9.30. Also Gaumont Sound News, Comedy Feature.

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THE DRAMATIC WORLD.

SOPHIE TUCKER.

By JAMES AGATE.

Winter Garden. Wednesday, September 17.

"FOLLOW A STAR."

A Musical Comedy. By Douglas Furber and Dion Titheradge. Music by Vivian Ellis.

Presumably the only reason why anybody has ever wanted to be a dramatic critic is the urge to communicate delight. Certainly the earliest and quite the most dramatic form of criticism was when the first little boy bade his brother "come and look at this," "this" being a dead hedgehog or a live snake or something equally wonderful and exorbitant. All the screeds of all the dramatic critics amount to no more than this cry to somebody to come and look at something. But since some of the world lives a long way off and the whole of it cannot be obedient, the critic discovers a further duty—that of describing his find for those who can enjoy only through description. At once the twofold nature of the task becomes apparent. It is easy to describe how Grock added a cardboard cubit to his stature, played the piano with *papier mâché* feet, and went sliding down the lid of that instrument like an incompetent house slater. But other people have worn those addenda and accomplished that *dégringolade*. How, then, differentiate Grock from those others and arrive at the master's quiddity? How explain in what way an artist differs from others who do the same thing? Miss Sophie Tucker adds nothing to her person which, rightly, she deems sufficiently ornate. She plays no tricks with furniture; Nature has not suggested to her any imperious need for dancing; and her most frenzied admirer would not describe her vocal accomplishment as singing.

The Essential Sophie.

It occurs to me that the key to this artist is to be found in the use she makes of her vocal resources, the method being to spill them all at once. So generous is the spilling that it seems impossible exhaustion should not be reached. There is something respectworthy in recklessness of this kind, as there is in all magnoperations. No one has any regard for the niggard, the small bankrupt, the pettifogging adventurer, and it has been well said that of all gamblers the man who gambles within his means is the meanest. Miss Tucker's lavishness demands the opposite censure. Every moment of her performance is an orgy of expense like that banquet which Fouquet offered to his royal master. But even ministers of *le Roi Soleil* could not continue in that strain, and we feel that the same fate must attend Miss Tucker. It is here that the miracle presents itself. For just as appetite grows with what it feeds on, so this artist's waste of energy creates more. And, indeed, you might liken her to an engine getting up steam; full pressure being attained at the fall of the curtain and not a second before. Mercifully she permits herself occasional indulgence in a pianissimo, though that is only to show possession of the faculty to ration exuberance. Otherwise, she scorns equally the piano, the mezzo-forte, and the forte, nothing less than four f's sufficing. Elizabeth screaming welcome to the Hall of Song, Senta drowning Atlantic breakers with a ballad, Weber's young woman apostrophising the mighty ocean and looking as though she had swallowed it, Isolda describing a dying faintness through an obliterative orchestra one hundred and twenty strong, Salome ululating farewell—all these strident ladies are, compared with Miss Tucker, the brides of quietness. Miss Tucker is wedded to Sound, to all-shaking thunder striking flat "the thick rotundity o' the world." Even her grace-notes might be described as "vaunt-couriers to oak-cleaving thunderbolts."

But no artist can do this who lacks the physical correspondence. Miss Tucker's appearance has the necessary courage. Since this artist in the best known of all her numbers has bid us know "how fat girls can love," there can be no harm in saying that she owns that physical quality for which the Lady Jane chose the word "massive." But in the coming by-and-by there can never be too much of this artist, for the reason that the peculiar property and genius of her treasure is its wealth. Indeed, the opposite calamity is the more greatly to be feared, and I am not at all sure that Miss Tucker is not a little thinner than she was. It is an accident that this vaudeville performer was not an operatic singer, since she is, to adopt Mr. Shaw's description of Janet Achurch and Marie Brema, "of the broad-browed, column-necked, Germanic type . . . the type distinguished by great voices, busy brains, commanding physical energy, an untamable impetuosity and originality." Miss Tucker has this outstanding attribute of the great player, that when she is on the stage you can no more take your eyes off her than you can off the sun when it is rising. Or you might put it that she is like one of those mountain-tops which the rising sun with sovereign eye has flattered, for her crowning glory is not only gold but like something newly and startingly gilded. Nimbus and aureole are pale words to describe that heavenly alchemy.

A Stage Genius.

This artist has, too, that other attribute which always goes with genius, that of never appearing to do wrong. Away from the theatre your cold-blooded analyst might object that intonations and gestures celebrating the fearless new fashion of being the universal red-hot momma are not those which should accompany invocations to discretion. In the study one asks how the same envelope can be apt to the flaunting extravagant quean and to the maiden thrifty of her virtue. The answer is that the cold-blooded and the studious have no business in the theatre, and that when they get there they become something else. Miss Tucker is perhaps a little too big for the comedy, which proves how childishly wrong Euclid was when he denied that the part could be bigger than the whole. Certainly the artist's best moment occurs when voluminous and velvet folds descend to blot out the play, a piano emerges, and for a good half-hour it is our pastime to be bound "within the Lyric's scanty plot of ground," as Wordsworth very nearly wrote, such lyrics being distinctly un-Wordsworthian and inclining, indeed, to the Rabelaisian. The lyrics in question are, the programme informs us, uniformly the work of Mr. Jack Yellen, and I am divided between wondering whether I always caught the exact drift of Mr. Yellen's meaning or whether great art has the further quality, that it excuses the seeming unpardonable.

Of the play I shall only say that it is easily the wittiest musical comedy I can remember, and that with any other juxtaposition Messrs. Jack and Claude Hulbert, A. W. Bascomb, Alfred Drayton, and Miss Irene Russell would have shone. But Miss Tucker has many qualities, among them the gift of practical philosophy. Hamlet defied augury without success; Sophie defies competition, and lo! even her peers are not.

Prince Edward. Thursday, September 18.

"SEXTON BLAKE."

A Play. By Donald Stuart.

The bloodhound, being only twelve months old, and finding the rake of the Prince Edward stage steeper than that of his native Sussex Downs, did not rehearse successfully, and so was not allowed to appear. Otherwise the proceedings went according to plan. And a very good plan, too; at least, on the farther side of the curtain, where, as some wit said about an indifferent master of the detective-story, the suspense of the author became almost unendurable. To us on the more critical side of those peripatetic hangings—for no curtain was ever less stationary, and this one was continually going up and down—it seemed as though the obvious had never been more searchingly explored. Some poor wretch being found with a knife in him, Sexton Blake, after much velvet-coated ruminating, would declare that the fellow had been stabbed. Or that same sleuth would propose to give the heroine a sedative in order, he would laboriously explain, to induce sleep. There are two sides to every question, but never before in the theatre has it been made so manifest that there are two sides to every door. Sexton Blake or his friend, Detective-Inspector Coutts—as who should say Inspector Gregory from Scotland Yard in the other story—would look out of that Baker Street window and observe on the door-step below somebody being kidnapped or clubbed or handed out some other supererogatory slice of adventure. Whereupon the curtain would descend and, rising, reveal the door-step and the accident precedently declared.

Is one to see here the influence of the cinema? Somebody detailing a policeman to run for the doctor, the curtain would come down, and, going up again, reveal the doctor who was being run for! And ever and anon Blake, wearying of his prodigies of reason, would declare that with a bit of luck they would get somebody or other in the end. I do not remember that throughout the entire play this master of deduction and elucidation deduced or elucidated anything, with one triumphant exception. This occurred when a blood-stained finger-print was found and Blake explained that if the finger-print was known at Scotland Yard, why, then, they would know the murderer, and if it wasn't, why, then, they wouldn't. "In any case," he added, laying a long, lean finger on his longer, leaner jaw, "it narrows the search, for at least it tells us who the murderer isn't!" Whereupon the circle of blundering professional "busies" chorussed: "Quod erat demonstrandum!" or its Cockney equivalent.

Nevertheless, there were some good moments. There was one good moment when a bomb completely wrecked one-sixteenth of Sexton Blake's apartment, leaving the remainder as tidy as before. So like a bomb! Another occurred when into the bowels of the earth immediately beneath the Finchley Road descended the heroine clothed in white samite, mystic, wonderful. Another when a motor-car bearing the villain, known to his intimates as Mr. Midnight, dashed through the gates of a level-crossing into an express train which, happening to be on time, reduced vehicle and passenger to pulp, the heroine having miraculously jumped, fallen, or been thrown out of the car into her lover's arms on the hither side of the crossing. But this play is at least unpretentious; hence give me Mr. Midnight in preference to Mrs. Moonlight!

Perhaps one might say quite fairly that the best acting came from the stage-manager, whose performance throughout was irreproachable. Mr. Arthur Wontner as Blake was impressive, a considerable feat when you realise that he had nothing whatever to be impressive about; Mr. Harcourt Brooke as that old-fashioned character, Creeper, gave an admirable exposition of old-fashioned technique, a thing not to be sneezed at in these super-highbrow days; Mr. Arthur Macrae brought to the conception of the journalist-villain the full glitter of Fleet Street; and Miss Dora Gregory would have been good as Mrs. Bardell—unhappy name!—if she had not had to wade through a mass of malapropisms. Surely the author might have twigged that to employ this device to-day is as flat burglary as ever was committed. On the whole, an enjoyable piece of nonsense, alternately intentional and unconscious. But why must policemen in melodrama invariably wear helmets a size too large and at the wrong angle? The play is produced by the author, and, since criticism should be constructive, I suggest that Mr. Stuart might do worse than take a walk down the Strand and have a look at a policeman.

Victoria Palace. Friday, September 19.

"THE VICTORIA VANITIES."

A Revue. By Jack Taylor.

Mr. Taylor's go-as-you-please entertainment will please all who go to it. There is a gratifying absence of those ultra-sophisticated and overdressed ballets illustrative of nothing in particular and other quattrocento tomfoolery, though one number was saved from the perilous approach by the fact that choreography and score could obviously not be by any celebrity. The lucky visitor who decides to drop in will find that he has alighted upon some admirable Chinese jugglers, for whom, *mutatis mutandis*, see Hazlitt.

Then there is a first-class boxing burlesque followed, irrationally enough, by a view of the Armada, or part of it, being despatched in contradiction to history by gunfire. As one of the English guns misfired, the mainsails and spinnakers of the galleon collapsed when there was no need, rather on the lines of the wicked who flee when no man pursueth. This was followed by a lively trio who combined the Bay of Biscay with Elgar's hopeful and glorious rhodomontade. Next came some lively young ladies who danced a hornpipe in a manner to suggest that the bosun of the period would have piped to them ditties of certain and unmistakable tone.

After this we had something reminiscent of those evenings at the baronet's round the piano and the prize-winning aspidistra. A lady and a gentleman, accoutred as for a party, got together and sang a medley, passing convivially from "Silver Threads Among the Gold," or something of the sort, to that overpraised "Star of Eve," at which ditty the silver and jealous moon, glimpsed through the loggia over the neighbouring broads, sank in disgust. This number ought to have been a parody but somehow wasn't. After this doughty scena the evening concluded with a roysterer's home-coming, which was realistic enough to suggest that the nail of veracity had been struck with the hammer of experience. Credit for this must be accorded to Mr. Jimmy James, from Manchester, who was extraordinarily good throughout, as was only to be expected. At last a comedian who is really funny!

But then the whole show was acutely professional, none of the artists suggesting the bijou theatre and the guinea stall.

THE VARIETIES.

A good little one-act play was the main item in the Palladium programme last week. The scene of "The Valiant" is in an American prison, and the main character a condemned man (played with sincerity by Mr. Conway Tearle) awaiting execution at midnight. Mr. James Carew and Miss Helen Goss were the other players in this effective little piece. Other items in the Palladium programme were supplied by Mr. Edgar Medley and Miss Marie Duprey, and Miss Adèle Rowland.

At the Coliseum, Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry in "The Interlude of War," gave a convincing performance; Miss Jose Collins sang with her old vigour; and Mr. Billy Bennett was, as usual, "Almost a Gentleman." A good varied programme.

Mr. Baliol Holloway's production of "Richard III." has been doing well at the New Theatre; but it was put on for a limited season, and must withdraw on October 4 to make way for "Topaze," which, after a try out in the provinces, beginning at Glasgow to-morrow, opens in London on October 8 with a cast including Mr. Raymond Massey, Mr. Frank Cellier, Mr. Frederick Lloyd, Mr. Sebastian Smith, Mr Donald Wolfit, Mr. William Home, Mr Gatenby Bell, Mr. Marcus Barron, Miss Martita Hunt, Miss Rita Page, Miss Nancy Barnett, Miss Betty Astell, and Miss Alice Delysia. It was hoped to find another West End theatre for "Richard III.," or, failing the West End, a suburban theatre, but the attempt has been unsuccessful. In November, however, Mr. Holloway hopes to produce "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which he intends to continue over Christmas.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

THIS WEEK'S PREMIERES.

Sept. 22.—Everyman: "The Honeymoon."
Criterion: "The Far-off Hills" (transfer).
Birmingham: "It's a Boy."
Sept. 23.—Queen's: "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."
Gate: "The Professional Lover."
Sept. 24.—Phoenix: "Private Lives."
Sept. 25.—Prince of Wales's: "Delilah."
Sept. 28.—Arts: Triple Bill (J. T. Grein's Cosmopolitan Theatre).
Savoy: "The Queen Bee" (Repertory Players).

Mr. Cochran is full of enthusiasm for Evergreen," his "biggest musical play adventure," which, he says, "actually has an original story." It will be presented by "Charles B. Cochran's Company of Comedians," including Miss Jessie Matthews, Miss Joyce Barbour, Miss Jean Cadell, Mr. Leon Norton (a French comedian), Mr. Albert Burdon, and Mr. Sonnie Hale; the dancers are Jean Barry, Dave Fitzgibbon, and Carlos Chita, Mr. Cochran's Young Ladies and a Tiller Troupe. There are eleven full-stage sets (which will be shown on a revolving stage), designed by Professor Ernst Stern. One scene shows the finale of a spectacular revue in a Paris music-hall, and another the organ at the Albert Hall. The production opens at the King's Theatre, Glasgow, on October 13; the theatre is being closed for the previous week for preparations, and before that the company will rehearse at Alexandra Palace, which has been taken for that purpose from to-morrow week. "In addition to my company of 140," Mr. Cochran writes, "I am taking a staff of sixty (including musicians) to Glasgow, Billy Pierce and Buddy Bradley, the dance producers, are teaching my girls an entirely new rhythm. I promise something new in dancing, and that's making a tough promise to keep. If the Adelphi is not ready after five weeks' run in Glasgow, the whole production will be shipped to New York, and there presented by Archie Selwyn and Charles B. Dillingham."

In the meantime, Mr. Cochran will present Miss Gertrude Lawrence and Mr. Noel Coward in the latter's new play "Private Lives" at the Phœnix Theatre on Wednesday. There are only five characters in the play, the other parts being taken by Miss Adrianne Allen, Mr. Laurence Olivier, and Miss Everley Gregg. The first act takes place on the verandah of an hotel overlooking the sea at Deauville, while the second and third take place in a flat in Paris. Mrs. G. E. Calthrop has designed the decor, while Noel Coward has produced the play.

Miss Edith Evans has been saving up for the past few years, and now proposes to begin spending. To that end she has enrolled herself among the actress managers. Her first production and appearance will be as the enchantress in "Delilah," by H. R. Barbor, at the Prince of Wales's Theatre on Thursday. Mr. Leslie Banks has designed the costumes and *décor* and Miss Evans will produce. Mr. John Longden will be Samson, and the cast also includes Miss Beatrice Wilson, Mr. H. O. Nicholson, Mr. Wilford Fletcher, Mr. J. Leopold, and Mr. H. Reyner Barton. The play was specially written for Miss Evans by Mr. Barbor some five years ago, and the incidental music is by Mr. Leslie Bridgewater. Mr. Bridgewater has been musical director of several West End managements, including Maurice Browne, Ltd., who "lent" him to Miss Evans as conductor. Mr. Barbor is a well-known London journalist. Another play of his, based on the life of Cecil Rhodes, has been purchased by Mr. Cochran for early production.

The Gate Theatre reopens on Tuesday with an English version of "The Professional Lover," by Ernst Vaijda, author of "Fata Morgana." The title-part—a "professional lover" employed by husbands anxious to divorce their wives—will be played by Mr. Eric Portman, and others in the company are Miss Veronica Turleigh (last seen in "Jew Süss"), Miss Josephine Wilson, Miss Joan St. Lo, Miss Irene Freeman, Mr. Michael MacOwan, Mr. Norman Shelley, and Mr. J. Hubert Leslie. The play is produced by Mr. Peter Godfrey. Other plays to be staged at the Gate during the season are "Desire Under the Elms," by Mr. Eugene O'Neill, and a revival of "The Hairy Ape," by the same author; "Douaumont," by Eberhard Wolfgang Möller, translated by Mr. Graham Rawson (produced by Mr. Peter Godfrey some months ago for the Stage Society); a revival of "Twenty Below" by Mr. Robert Nicholls and Mr. Jim Tully; and "The Endless Road," the German "Journey's End," by Sigmund Graff and Carl Hintze, translated by Mr. Graham Rawson.

The Irish Players in Mr. Lennox Robinson's comedy "The Far-Off Hills" move from the Everyman, where they have done very well, to the Criterion to-morrow. With one exception, the company remains the same, and includes Miss Una O'Connor, Miss Natalie Moya, Miss Kathleen Drago, Miss Joyce Chancellor, Mr. J. A. O'Rourke, Mr. Harry Hutchinson, Mr. E. J. Kennedy, Mr. Tony Quinn, and Mr. Fred O'Donovan Miss Helena Pickard replaces Miss Maureen O'Moor, who is under contract to join the repertory company at the new Civic Theatre at Kingstown. "Nine Till Six" finished its run last night, and the company goes to the Lewisham Hippodrome for the week beginning September 29. "The Far-Off Hills" will be succeeded at the Everyman to-morrow by a revival of the Mr. Arnold Bennett's play "The Honeymoon," which the author has considerably modernised for the occasion. Meanwhile, plans for the first Everyman Theatre Guild Sunday production next Sunday are in progress. The entertainment is to be called "A Gamboling Entertainment" after the famous "Lambs' Club Gambols," and the company includes Mr. Harold Scott, Miss Margaret Yarde, Mr. Denys Blakelock, Mr. Wallace Evenett, and Miss Elsa Lanchester.

Miss Iris Hoey will play the lead in Jose Levy's adaptation of "The Queen Bee," from the French of Andre Antoine. The play opens in a churchyard, with three men rising from tombs to exchange reminiscences. These parts will be played by Messrs. Frederick Leister, Richard Gray, and Maurice Evans. "The Queen Bee" will open the Repertory Players' season at the Savoy next Sunday. Mr. Charles Carson is the producer.

J. T. Grein's Cosmopolitan Theatre opens its season at the Arts Theatre on Sunday next, when a triple bill of French plays will be presented. The first is Jean Cocteau's telephone monologue, "La Voix Humaine," in which Miss Barbara Couper will appear. The second play, "L'Occasion," by Jacques Normand and Georges Rivollet, will be played by Miss Celia Johnson and Mr. Guy Pelham Boulton; and Mr. Austen Trevor takes the principal part in "Devant la Porte," by Henri Duvernais. The entire production is in the hands of Mlle. Alice Gachet.

J. and D. de Leon have acquired the rights of George Preedy's play "The Rocklitz," and will produce it in the future on a lavish scale.

Miss Judith Wogan hopes to reopen the Grafton Theatre on October 1 with a new programme of one-act plays and varieties. The one-act plays are "The Man Born to be Hanged," by Richard Hughes, and "The Man in the Cab," by Ferenc Molnar; and there will also be a burlesque of Edgar Wallace plays in ballet form, "White Mask," arranged by Miss Penelope Spencer, and an "ironic opera with jazz music," by Messrs. Geoffrey Dunn and Herbert Murrill. D. P.

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THE WORLD OF MUSIC.

THE 'HAMMERKLAVIER' FOR ORCHESTRA.

By ERNEST NEWMAN.

I.

Though Weingartner's arrangement of the "Hammerklavier" sonata for orchestra has been published for something like three years, it has not yet, so far as I know, been performed in England; at any rate we have not heard it in London. An excellent set of gramophone records of it, however, has just been issued by the Columbia Graphophone Company; and some interesting hours may now be spent by the Beethoven enthusiast in comparing the orchestral version with the original. As Weingartner says in the preface to his score, it has long been recognised that as a work for the piano the mighty "Hammerklavier" sonata is to a large extent unsatisfactory both for the player and for the listener, for "here the spirit of the creator demands more than the instrument chosen is able to give." But of no other piano sonata of Beethoven's is this true, and therefore Weingartner does not wish his experiment to be regarded as a precedent. He believes, with justice, that the "Hammerklavier" bursts the bonds of the piano as it does because the conception itself is often orchestral rather than pianistic. "Numerous portions," he says, "resemble the sketch of a symphony, and are transferable forthwith to full score. In other passages it would be sufficient to double the octaves of one or all the parts to allow the orchestral idea which shines forth in the original to become reality."

WEINGARTNER'S AIM.

Necessarily, however, a great deal more has had to be done with the original than simply give this line or that to this instrument or that. Weingartner's aim has been not merely to swell the piano notes to the size of the orchestra but to produce the sort of work that Beethoven himself would have done had he been casting the sonata as a symphony in the first place. A different texture has to be made in many places; pedal effects have to be realised in full harmonically; echoing or answering phrases have to be set forth in contrasting colours; and so on.

Weingartner, to my thinking, has done his work extraordinarily well on the whole. He has resisted the temptation to make a brilliant concert piece of the sonata by turning the whole of the resources of the modern orchestra upon it. He has used the ordinary Beethoven orchestra, and, so far as any modern can think himself back into the mind of an artist of the past, he has used it in the Beethoven way. The many brusque changes of key which Beethoven permits himself in the "Hammerklavier" make it, as he says, "impossible to do entirely without the use of valve-horns and trumpets, but a use of the chromatic compass of these instruments in the modern sense has been avoided, as, indeed, no musical device not already to be found in Beethoven's works has been employed."

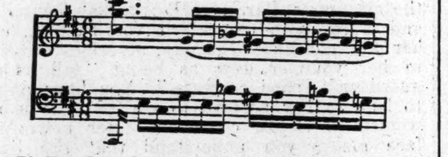
CHANGES IN TRANSCRIPTION.

It goes without saying that a work which, however it may at times transcend the piano, has its basic conception in the piano, cannot be transferred to the orchestra not merely without the loss of certain things but without the addition of certain others that are not in the original. I am not speaking now of the actual lines of the work: Weingartner, of course, has in the strict sense of the words hardly altered a note of the sonata. But we have only to listen to the orchestral version at certain points and then play the same passage on the piano to realise that the orchestra does not merely add a richer colour to the passage but gives it a new and sometimes alien meaning; and I can readily imagine many a pianist jumping up in wrath and declaring that this is no longer the "Hammerklavier" but a work of Weingartner's own. But even if that be true, the result is a new work of the utmost fascination. Let the reader look, for example, at a passage some forty bars before the end of the Adagio—twelve bars before the change from the key signature of five sharps to that of one sharp. That Beethoven wanted a drastic change of piano colour here is shown by his marking of the sharply modulating transition passage *pp, una corda*. But the change of colour was undeniably motived by a subtle change in the orientation of thought and mood—something we cannot possibly translate into words, but about the reality and the significance of which neither our feeling nor our intellect is in the slightest doubt.

A MODERN PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT.

This modulatory passage Weingartner sets in the veiled tones of the soft trombones, trumpets, bassoons, and clarinets, with a touch of oboe colour. The contrast with the sweeping lyrical line of the passage immediately preceding is much greater than in the original; the effect is as of a sudden transportation of the action to a far distant and mysterious background. There is a suggestion of romantic haze about it that, beautiful as it is in itself, seems to me not quite in keeping with either Beethoven's normal cast of mind or his orchestral colour methods in general; it is a modern psychological, as well as musical, effect that derives not from Beethoven, but from the two younger contemporaries of his who were laying the foundations of the romantic orchestra—Weber and Schubert. Personally I find this passage in Weingartner's arrangement fascinating and moving, in spite of the slight touch of historical incongruity about it; but I can imagine many people resenting it as something alien to the pianistic breath and being of the sonata.

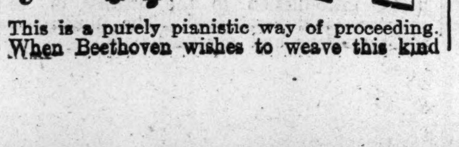
The pianist, again, will probably jib at Weingartner's treatment of bar 44 of the Adagio—



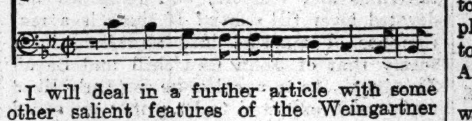
If Beethoven ever meant anything in his life, he meant these bare octaves; they are intended as a sort of clearance of the air after the close texture and the harmonic complexity of what has gone before, and a going back to harmonic scratch, as it were, in order that the ear may get more delight out of, and the mind read more meaning into, the deep-toned harmonised song that follows. Weingartner gives the passage to the violins and violas in octaves, but he also prolongs the chord of the seventh (shown at the commencement of my quotation), practically throughout the bar in the rest of the orchestra. I cannot persuade myself that this it not an error of judgment; the whole point and purpose of the bare octaves seem to me to be lost.

NO SIMON-PURE LITERALISM.

This is a case in which Weingartner, as I see the matter, has made Beethoven do something he would not have done even had he conceived this sonata in the first instance for the orchestra. In other cases Weingartner rightly rejects Simon-pure literalism and gives the music the lay-out it would certainly have had if Beethoven had been thinking originally in terms of the orchestra. On the opening page of the sonata, for instance, we meet with passages of this type—



This is a purely pianistic way of proceeding. When Beethoven wishes to weave this kind of texture on the orchestra—as he does two or three times in the Leonora No. 3, to cite an example that will be familiar to every reader—instead of separating the two masses in this way he introduces the second with a time-lag, thus making it drag against the other to create the desired effect of tension and the ultimate release from the tension. There would have been no point in slavishly copying the pianistic technique on the orchestra; and Weingartner is fully justified in translating the passage I have just quoted into Beethoven's own orchestral terms, thus—



I will deal in a further article with some other salient features of the Weingartner transcription.

THE WEEK'S MUSIC

The Promenades.

The Promenade Concerts continue to supply us with a vast amount of standard music that it is good for the country to hear, but about which there is nothing much to be said in the Press at this time of day. The less familiar works of the week have included the violin concerto of Sibelius (finely played by Mr. Arthur Catterall), and a miscellaneous collection put before us at the "British Composers' Night" on Thursday.

People listen with the utmost respect to Elgar's "Falstaff," but there is no mistaking the fact that they have difficulty in following it. To anyone who knows the work it is clarity itself; but we who love it have just got to recognise, with regret, that it leaves the plain man somewhat befogged. The "programme" is too copious and too changeful for him; he does not quite know what it is that Falstaff is doing at this moment or that, and indeed is not always sure whether it is Falstaff or someone else who is being set before him. Perhaps in time, as has been the case with other great symphonic poems based on a complicated programme, the vital details will become clear to everyone; but for the present we have only to look round the audience at any performance of "Falstaff" to see that the ordinary listener has lost his bearings. But even those who cannot follow the working-out of the story must feel that here is Elgar at his musical best.

Young Britons.

It was unfortunate for Arthur Bliss that his Serenade for Baritone (Mr. Roy Henderson) and small orchestra came immediately before the "Falstaff." A second hearing of the Serenade strengthens the conviction that it will not enhance Bliss's reputation. The applause at the end of it was broken by a "Voice," as they say at political meetings, giving its owner's opinion of the work and the composer in terms more forcible than polite. The objector was quite within his rights. As he pointed out when some people near him protested against his remarks, he was as much entitled to his opinion as they were to theirs; and as he had waited till the performance was over before expressing it, he had done all that decency demanded of him. Composers and performers must take the thick with the thin; and "young British composers" in particular must begin to face realities. The silly season that immediately followed the war is over. No longer is the public going to listen patiently to the wholesale boosting of young Britons merely because they are young Britons—which some of them, by the way, have ceased to be. Their music is now judged solely on its merits; and they must either make good or stand aside, for no one in these busy days is going to submit to being bored for no better reason than that the borer happened to be born at a certain time and within certain degrees of latitude and longitude.

William Wallace's "Villon," which opened Thursday's programme, may seem a little old-fashioned now, for its idiom is that of the generation 1890-1910, which has had long enough to become démodé but not yet long enough to become classic. But when all is said, the twenty-year-old "Villon" is still being performed; whereas I should hesitate to wager that this or that modern work that has been hailed as a credit to the "young British school" will be figuring in the Queen's Hall programmes twenty years from now. The "Voice," then, is not only well within its rights; it is to be commended for its courage in publicly facing realities that a great part of the Press was for too long a time obsequiously anxious to evade. There is nothing wrong with the "Serenade" except that there is nothing in it that rises above the ordinary. As I have already said, Bliss and others of his generation are now in a dangerous situation. They have shed most of the experimental eccentricities that were regarded as the only real thing ten or fifteen years ago and are now writing just "plain music." But the moment they do that they invite comparison with the world's music, past and present, in the same vein and the same idiom; and they must either bear up under that comparison or go under.

Holst in Transition.

The splendid violin concerto of Sibelius shows that if a composer has the real thing in him he can be original and impressive within the borders of the musical language as we have hitherto known it. And the concerto for two violins of Holst (Adila Fachiri and Jelly d'Aranyi) was a further proof that a composer who has something fresh to say and knows how to say it can still manage quite well with the familiar language and the familiar forms. I have had the feeling for the last few years that Holst is passing through a transition period—is consciously or unconsciously trying out new ideas and new methods as a preparation for some big work that will mark the next unmistakable stage in his evolution. But he is big enough to retain his grasp upon himself even in this time of transition. Whether this highly intellectualised concerto will turn out to be a work for the general public remains to be seen; but for musicians there is great fascination in the spare frame and the taut lines of the work and the controlled power of its expression.

A Correction.

I gladly comply with Mr. Alan Bush's courteous request, set forth in a private letter to me, that I shall publicly correct two grave errors into which I fell in my notice last week. It seems that, in the first place, his work was entitled not "Symphonic Impression No. 8," as I gave it, but "Symphonic Impression Op. 8." For this mistake I have no excuse to make but the most criminal carelessness and stupidity. In the second place, Mr. Bush informs me that he is *not* a pupil of Schnabel for composition. Here, like others of my colleagues, I was misled by the wording of the programme note, which ran thus: "Alan Bush was a student of the Royal Academy of Music from his eighteenth to his twenty-second year. From then until 1928 he was a pupil of John Ireland for composition, and it was during this time that this Symphonic Impression was composed. He was himself Professor of Composition at the Royal Academy from 1925-1928, but gave up that post to continue his own studies in Germany. These included lessons with Artur Schnabel. He is now studying philosophy at the University of Berlin." As Schnabel is a composer as well as a pianist, and as the note gives no hint that Mr. Bush is interested in the piano, but is mainly about his peripatetics as a composer, it was perhaps pardonable that we should have assumed that it was composition that Mr. Bush was studying with Schnabel. Mr. Bush seems to think that if the "Symphonic Impression" is a bad work, Schnabel should not be blamed for it, and if it is a good work Mr. Ireland should get the credit for it. These are dangerous mazes for a mere critic to plunge into, and prudence counsels my keeping out of them.

E. N.

THE GALLERIES.

VAN GOGH AND HIS FORGERS.

AMSTERDAM EXHIBITION.

By FRANK RUTTER.

At the present time one of the largest and most important exhibitions yet organised of the work of Vincent van Gogh is being held at Amsterdam, and this will doubtless attract to Holland many art lovers who have already planned an autumn holiday to include a visit to the current exhibition of Flemish art in Antwerp.

The Amsterdam exhibition of Van Gogh's works will give many collectors of modern art an opportunity of studying the development of the painter's art through its various stages in examples of undeniable authenticity.

DANGEROUS PERIODS.

It is some two years now since the well-known Belgian expert, M. J. B. de la Faille, created a sensation by proving that sixteen paintings sold in Berlin as authentic Van Goghs were forgeries. This authority has now written a book[*] which is invaluable to all collectors of modern paintings. In it he gives no fewer than 174 admirable illustrations, in which he contrasts genuine paintings by Van Gogh with faked "Van Goghs." Some two dozen of these forgeries were perpetrated by a Russian refugee living in Switzerland, and it is stated that quite a number of these false Van Goghs have been sold to collectors in the United States.

There are two particular periods about which collectors of Van Goghs should be specially careful. One is the very early Dutch period, and M. de la Faille has the courage and rare honesty to assert that, as paintings, many of the false "early Van Goghs"—done by skilful painters of to-day—are better than the pictures Van Gogh himself painted in Holland before he went to Paris. Another ticklish period is the time Van Gogh spent in Paris. Between 1886 and 1888 Vincent van Gogh wrote few letters to his brother, and consequently there is no authoritative documentary record of what he actually painted during these years.

It is not very difficult for a clever painter to imitate closely the pronounced style of Van Gogh; and the task of the forger is made all the easier because Van Gogh so frequently repeated his subjects. For example, he painted his "Sunflowers" no fewer than seven times; he made six similar portraits of "Roulin, the Postman"; he painted "The Girl of Arles" four times.

CATALOGUE OF FORGERIES.

It is quite a new idea to make a careful descriptive catalogue of forgeries bearing the false signature—usually in red letters—of a modern master; but M. de la Faille's pioneer work in this direction is a piece of research which is most valuable, and will be appreciated by collectors, if not by the baser kind of merchants who traffic in doubtful pictures. This sumptuously-produced volume affords the student ample material for comparison, and it is only by continuous and reiterated comparison that even a collector of taste can acquire the knowledge and experience which should qualify him eventually to detect the difference between the true Van Gogh and the false.

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[*] "Les Faux Van Gogh." By J. B. de la Faille. (Brussels: Librairie Van Oest.)

FILM NOTES.

"THE BIG HOUSE."

By SYDNEY CARROLL.

Film producers have a strange fondness for prison bars. "The Big House" is another name for America's largest prison. It holds three thousand convicts, the nastiest, most murderous lot of cutthroats and scoundrels in the U.S.A. This picture, to be seen at the Empire, may be intended as propaganda against the system of penitentiaries. If so, it succeeded with me. For it made me sick with horror and disgust at the thought of them. If life in Yankee prisons is anything like it is represented to be in this picture, with its injustice, its tyranny, its starvation of body and soul, its crushing bestial brutality, then the sooner such convict life is altogether stopped the better.

"All hope abandon ye who enter here" might well be written over the portals of this big house. Contact with such ugly criminals can only degrade to the depths all who experience it. The scenes in which the oppressed creatures revolt against their gaolers and carry on the fiercest battle with machine-guns and tanks arrayed against them are horrible but thrilling. A love story endeavours to get itself tangled up in the stream of criminal intrigue and plotting, but its sentimentalities seem out of place.

Wallace Beery acts magnificently the character of a hard-boiled rebellious convict, one of life's eternal outcasts; Chester Morris, Lewis Stone, and other sound players help in the action, whilst pretty Leila Hyams brightens up the scene whenever she comes on.

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British International have struck a winner in "Almost a Honeymoon." This is a jolly piece, exceptionally well directed by Monty Banks and brilliantly acted by Donald Calthrop, Clifford Mollison, Dodo Watts, and a company of well-known British artists. Its humour is of the conventional Palais Royal bedroom pattern, but redeemed by sundry little subtle touches supplied by both artists and producer. Mr. Calthrop's facial play as a discreet and invaluable butler would make the fortune of any film, whilst Mr. Mollison's lively and cheery method lifted the comedy into the realm of sheer gaiety.

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At the Plaza, Paramount present "A Man from Wyoming," directed by Rowland V. Lee. The story, supplied by Moncure March, rather stretches the probabilities, but once those are granted a fair amount of entertainment is extracted from the situations, far-fetched though they be. It is difficult to blend love and comic stuff with the terrors and horrors of war, but Gary Cooper and June Collyer do their best.

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Give me a troop of horses on the pictures and I am happy. "The Border Legion" is one of those typical Wild West films with lots of revolver shooting, stirring adventures, romance, love rivalry and brigandage. It has the advantage of some sincere acting by Richard Arlen, young Jack Holt and pretty Fay Wray. I am sorry to say Richard has to pass out at the finish. He dies a gallant death, naturally.

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They open with "Escape" at the Marble Arch this week. Galsworthy's famous play has been rendered superbly into film language by Basil Dean. This is the first serious and successful adventure of the talkies into beautiful British landscapes. England has been put so gloriously on the screen in this film that the number of transatlantic visitors ought to be appreciably increased by its charms. The nobility of motives and the humanity of the narrative are done full justice, and the all-British cast, including as it does such attractive and expert talent as Edna Best, Madeleine Carroll, Sir Gerald du Maurier, Horace Hodges, Ian Hunter, and a host of first-class players makes the film a real triumph.

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Tom Robertson's famous play, "Caste," has just been done as a talkie under the direction of Campbell Gullan. The period has been adapted to 1914-1915, the place London.

Other pictures to make a note of are "Young Woodley" at the Capitol, with Frank Lawton and Madeleine Carroll (the latter gradually becoming one of the most popular of British film stars), "Lord Richard in the Pantry" at the Astoria; and "Common Clay" in its second week at the New Gallery.

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So wrote Macaulay when he presented his great work to the world eighty-two years ago. The purpose was not fulfilled. Six close-packed volumes only carried the narrative down to the death of King William III. The History remains a splendid torso, or perhaps one should say a pedestal for an unfinished statue. It is one of the misfortunes of literature. Macaulay could never have really expected to carry his story right through the eighteenth century. But if he had lived a few years longer, instead of dying at 59, he might at least have brought it to the end of Queen Anne's reign, and given us his own glittering picture of the wars, the factions, the soldiers, the statesmen, the poets, the essayists, the people, of that brief palpitating epoch of transition and achievement.

An Intellectual Dynasty.

The task which Macaulay left undone has been fitly and happily taken up by Macaulay's grand-nephew. Thomas Babington died a childless bachelor, but he founded an intellectual dynasty. The Regius Professor at Cambridge, the third great historian of the line, "purposes" to relate the history of England from that March day in 1702, when William III. coughed out his life at Kensington, to that other day, twelve years later, when the last Stuart sovereign of Britain passed away. The present volume tells us what England was, and what the English were, at the opening of this period, takes us through the tangled politics of the two opening years, and ends with the trumpets sounding over Marlborough's and Eugene of Savoy's triumphant battle by the Danube.

Professor Trevelyan is exceptionally qualified for this most worthy and interesting enterprise. Modern historical scholarship, with its critical method, has illuminated without enslaving him. He has breathed the atmosphere of the great historians of all ages, and declines to write as if Thucydides, Tacitus, Gibbon, Michelet had never existed, and real history had only been invented in the nineteenth century by erudite persons poring over forgotten documents. For him Clio is still a Muse. He examines all his authorities and "original sources" with industry and accurate attention, but knows how to weave the results into a broad, picturesque, finely balanced composition. His style, if it has not Macaulay's unfaltering pace and clanking stride, is suave, smooth, flowing, and admirably expressive. Here is history which is at once authentic and literary, a welcome contrast to the arid academic treatises of one class of contemporary writers, and the hasty, superficial, ill-informed compilations of another.

An Epic and its Hero.

He is fortunate in the limitations he has set for himself in laying this ground-floor of his edifice. His subject has the unity and swift movement of an epic. Arms and the man he sings. We start with a description of the England of the opening century, its common people, its lords and gentry, its fields, farms, forests, towns, and seaports; then its Parliament and parties and public personalities. All this is a preamble to the account of British foreign policy, the plunge into the European arena, the struggle with the overweening military power of France, and the defeat of Louis XIV.'s attempt at world-domination by the "crowning mercy" of Blenheim. The rest of the tale remains to be told, and it cannot be so compact and well-rounded; but this part has a completeness of its own.

An epic needs a hero. Mr. Trevelyan has his, ready to his hand, in John Churchill, first Duke of Marlborough. Not least among the sins for which some of us cannot forgive Thomas the Undoubting is his treatment of that great man. His lurid description of Marlborough as a strange and almost monstrous compound of genius and villainy was due less to his political prejudices than to that feverish anxiety to be graphic and striking at all costs, which was his worst fault.

Macaulay's Method.

Let us listen to his successor:—

> Macaulay adopted his unfavourable reading of Marlborough's motives and character straight from Swift and the Tory pamphleteers of the latter part of Anne's reign. Macaulay, indeed, was less often misled by traditional Whig views than by his own over-confident, lucid mentality, which always saw things in black and white, but never in grey. The greatness of his History lies in his account of political situations and his narrative of the course of events; a public man himself, he understood these things better than most historians, and he could make them clear in his own unrivalled manner. But he was no psychologist, and the artist in him tended to delineate character by the unsafe method of dramatic antithesis. He instinctively desired to make Marlborough's genius stand out bright against the background of his villainy. He had blacked in the background, but did not live to put in the full-length figure of the victor of Blenheim in all his magnificent panoply.

Macaulay saw that nothing interests the general reading public so much as to be shown that the idols have feet of clay. We grudge the admiration we are forced to yield to unquestioned intellectual, moral, or artistic superiority, and derive a certain unholy satisfaction from learning that the great leader, the great ruler, the great author, could be foolish, sensual, or petty. We are rather reluctant to admit that a supreme genius can also possess just those excellent qualities of heart and character which would make him respected and loved if he had never commanded an army or written a poem.

Marlborough's Character.

Virtue is not easily made interesting on the printed page. Marlborough had so many virtues, as well as so many talents, that he could not become popular in his own lifetime, and he had a "bad Press" after his death. Swift, maddened with rage and disappointment, poured over him the *sæva indignatio* of his lacerated soul. Respectable biographers like the meritorious Archdeacon Coxe could not prevail against the popular men of letters who danced and trampled upon Churchill's body. But when the worst has been said it is not much. The most telling indictment is that he intrigued with the Jacobite court of St. Germains while he was serving William III. Everybody was doing something of the sort in those uncertain times, even the impeccable Somers, that paragon of the later Whigs. It was a form of insurance against political accidents.

For the rest, Marlborough, we are told, was uxorious, ambitious, and avaricious. True it is that, in a loose and licentious age, when marital infidelity was a joke, he was passionately attached to his own wife. Is that a crime? Need we think the less of him because he put up with this clever, brilliant, trying creature's tantrums and tempers, and remained her devoted lover till death? If there is a real romance of married love anywhere it is surely that of John Churchill and Sarah Jennings. As to avarice, he certainly liked money and expected to be amply rewarded for his services. So did all the public men of his century. There is no real evidence that Marlborough ever acquired wealth by such tricks as profiteering over the soldiers' food. It was the last thing he would have done. No general in Europe was half so careful of the comfort and well-being of his men as "Corporal John." In Marlborough's army the troops were far better fed, clothed, and attended to than in those of any other commander.

Soldier and Statesman.

Professor Trevelyan, though his admiration for Marlborough stops some way this side of idolatry, treats him fairly and with judgment, and does really enable us to recognise his true greatness as a soldier and statesman. He tells us that John Churchill had an unquenchable love for his country; a genuine attachment to the Protestant religion; an ardent desire to make Britain great, powerful, wealthy, and contented. Further, he was humane, kindly, courteous, considerate, grateful, and gifted with a kind of splendid magnanimity that could not be thrown out of poise. Such is the verdict of the most judicious of our living historians. It can serve until we get that definitive and finished picture of the great Churchill which we shall owe to the family piety and accomplished literary art of the brilliant Churchill of our own day. May we not have long to wait for it!

Some Thumbnails.

In his portrait of Marlborough, as in those he gives of other leading personages, Godolphin, Harley, Shrewsbury, Montagu, good Queen Anne herself, Mr. Trevelyan uses a deft but restrained brush. He does not splash the canvas with glaring colour, knowing well that few famous people are so black, or so red, as they are commonly painted. He holds the balance even, trying to understand and allow due weight to the opinions and actions of individuals and groups. The age of Anne lighted faction fires which have flamed to our own times, and still smoulder in the pages of modern historians. But the Regius Professor does justice to the motives and feeling of Whigs and Tories, Highflyers and Nonconformists, Jacobites and Hanoverians. There is something to be said for all of them. Only in his closing sentences does he allow us to catch a faint echo of the old Whig bugle note:—

> England was more than all she had been under Elizabeth, more than all she had been under Cromwell, for she was now a united nation with a fixed and free Constitution. Whig and Tory might bark and bicker, but they carried on the nation's work between them, because the blood-feud of sects and parties had been staunched by the compromise of the Revolution Settlement, which, by giving to England domestic peace, based more securely than on force, had opened to her the paths of greatness oversea.

One cannot grudge this small oblation to the Glorious Revolution of 1689 from a writer who bears the names of Trevelyan and Macaulay.

LOUIS XI.

"King Spider: Some Aspects of Louis XI. of France." By D. B. Wyndham Lewis. (Heinemann. 21s.)

Reviewed by HENRY MURRAY.

The fashion of the day in matters of history seems to run decidedly in the direction of rehabilitation. Close on the heels of Mr. Arthur Weigall's brilliant plea in favour of Nero, for whom no previous historian had ever a word to say, comes Mr. Wyndham Lewis's perhaps less brilliant, but equally erudite and enthusiastic, writ in reversal of judgment in the case of Louis XI. One article in Mr. Lewis's plea certainly cannot be denied—Louis has had terribly hard luck in the treatment accorded to him by the romancers and the poets, the classes of writer from whom so many people are content to glean their ideas of outstanding historical figures, rather than from the duller pages of the professed historian. Louis was practically forgotten when Scott exhumed and crucified him in the pages of one of the most fascinating of the "Waverley Novels."

Then came Victor Hugo with an even more frightful figure of the wicked king in "Notre Dame de Paris," and, later on, in "La Legende des Siècles." Balzac's grimly comic defence in "Les Contes Drolatiques," which Mr. Lewis curiously omits to mention—of "le bon roy et bon compaignon aymant beaucoup à jacqueter," had it been published during the life of the king it "defended," would probably have sent its author to feed the crows in company with Guy Tabary and Colin de Cayeux at Monfaucon. The literary performance which has probably done most to blacken the memory of Louis is the play of Casimir Delavigne, at which Mr. Lewis flings the hardly deserved epithets, "inconceivably dull, foolish, and rancid melodrama."

A Statesman King.

In one most important respect Mr. Lewis's defence of Louis is absolutely justified. Louis XI. was a great king, a great statesman, and as fervent a patriot as ever drew mortal breath. He loved France as a miser loves gold, as a good mother loves her child, and none in the long line of her royal rulers ever served her better. He saw, with absolute clearness of mental vision, the great need of his day, the necessity of crippling and crushing the great vassals of the French crown. And certainly from no lack of military courage, for he was as physically brave as he was mentally clear-sighted—he recognised that what he would have called statecraft and his detractors called chicane was not merely his best, but almost his only effective, weapon. It economised the blood and treasure of which his great opponent, Charles the Rash, was so recklessly extravagant, and it is justified at the bar of history by a glance at the contrasted spectacles presented by France at the moment of his accession and France as he left her.

A century and a half later the political genius of Richelieu and the astute trickery of Mazarin completed the main object of his domestic policy, and the descendants of the highborn brigands who had desolated France squabbled at Versailles for the honour of airing Louis XIV.'s shirt or handing him his hat. It matters little to a man who has been in his grave for more than five hundred years whether we think him a scoundrel or a saint, but it matters much that the actual work of a statesman should be appreciated at its true value. "Le drame admis, il n'y a plus qu'à louer le comèdien." The cunning trickery of Louis XI. scored a huge and enduring success where the piety of his sainted predecessor and namesake, Louis IX., or the gay chivalry of Francis I., would have miserably failed.

WOMEN WITH A WILL

"Sidelights on Queen Victoria." By Sir Frederick Ponsonby. (Macmillan. 21s.)

"The Hamwood Papers of the Ladies of Llangollen and Caroline Hamilton." Edited by Mrs. G. H. Bell (John Travers). (Macmillan. 21s.)

"The World I Used to Know, 1860-1912." By Frau Marie von Bunsen. Edited and translated by Oakley Williams. (Thornton Butterworth. 18s.)

Reviewed by J. M. BULLOCH.

The tendency, especially among some feminists, to regard the present generation as the only one in which women have shown great will power in making a place for themselves has never made any appeal to those who know even a little history. But the facile theory does not often sustain such a simultaneous assault as in the books dealt with here, describing four women whose careers link up an unbroken run for nearly two centuries, for Lady Eleanor Butler, the elder Lady of Llangollen, seems to have been born in 1739.

Queen Victoria's Will Power.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby's book, which is built up on documents from the collection of his father, Sir Henry Ponsonby, brings out more clearly than anything that has yet been published the tremendous determination of the Queen to maintain her rights. Some of the episodes, such as the trouble over the firing of the "daylight gun" by her kinsman, Captain Prince Leiningen, from the Royal yacht during the Channel Fleet manœuvres of 1872, were trivial, but they involved a principle, and serve to show how precise, not to say jealous, the Queen was as to her right to reign.

At moments Her Majesty could be very angry with infractions on her rôle, rarely more so than when the Gladstone Government wanted her in 1881 to sign the Speech in which occurred the phrase: "It is not my intention that the occupation of Kandahar shall be permanently maintained." When three Privy Councillors, including Sir William Harcourt, who was "peeved" at having been crammed into the "bathing carriage," as the one-horse wagonette was called, and jogged along the long hill from East Cowes to Osborne, went down to get the Speech signed, the Queen at first declined, though she ultimately did so with certain reservations. She then sent Sir Henry Ponsonby to see Gladstone, arming him with a strong letter in which she wrote:—

> The Queen has never before been treated with such want of respect and consideration in the forty-three and a-half years she has worn her thorny crown . . . She is kept (purposely) in the dark and then expected simply to agree. . . Sir Henry must tell Mr. Gladstone, Lord Granville and Lord Hartington that she will not *stand* such treatment The disrespect and contempt of her position shown her she will *not* tolerate . . . Sir Henry cannot overrate the Queen's indignation. Mr. Gladstone tries to be a Bismarck, but the Queen will not be an Emperor William to do anything he *orders*.

Sir Frederick's book is more valuable perhaps for the constitutionalist than for the general reader, but it is none the less full of human interest, and throws a searchlight rather than a sidelight on the Queen, not least as regards her strong dislike and distrust of Mr. Gladstone.

The Ladies of Llangollen.

The Queen, who was 12 when Sarah Ponsonby, the younger Lady of Llangollen and the kinswoman of Victoria's future private secretary, Sir Henry Ponsonby, passed away, would probably have strongly disapproved of the adventure which led the two spirited Irish spinsters into "sweet retirement" by the Welsh Dee. And yet the force of will behind their experiment, which belongs far more to our day than to Victoria's, was fully shared by Her Majesty, increasing with her greater opportunity. The story of the "most celebrated virgins in Europe," as the odd Prince Puckler Muskau called the Ladies, has often been told, but only now do we get the diaries of the elder of them, Lady Eleanor Butler, for they have been hidden away in a Sheraton cabinet at Hamwood, Co. Meath, though Lord Ponsonby gave us an inkling of them in his anthology of diarists.

The "Journal of E.B. and S.P., inhabitants of a cottage in the vale of Llangollen, N. Wales—written by E.B.," and begun in 1788, the year they settled into their "sweet retirement," supplemented by the journals of their friends, Mrs. Lucy Goddard and Mrs. Caroline Hamilton, has been skilfully used by "John Travers," who married into the Hamilton family, to give us in more intimate detail the day-to-day life in the tiny black and white cottage where the ladies "lived finely" for so many years. Though their enterprise, started when they were nearing forty, seemed bold, there was nothing masculine about their menage, except, perhaps, their maid Mary Carryl, who was known as "Molly the Bruiser." Perhaps it was Molly and not the Ladies who was responsible for the dismissal of Betsy Haynes, the kitchen maid, "for idleness, dirt and *Such a Tongue*," as Lady Eleanor faithfully recorded in her diary. Otherwise, "without financial independence, husband, or lover, or children, without profession, or religious vocation, they lived vividly and significantly," as their editor says. They read a great deal, "even the naughty memoirs of the Comte de Grammont," and corresponded with the great, but the diaries remind you of the qualities of their friend, Anna Seward, rather than of the masculinity, say, of Mary Wollstoncraft, and are crowded with such entries as these:—

> My beloved and I drank a dish of tea.
>
> The cuckoo, linnets larks, blackbirds, thrushes, all about our window John Jones of Chirk brought thirteen plants of the clover pinks, slips of rosemary and lavender.
>
> One gentleman, two ladies walked up the field, then rapt at the door and desired to see the house. Refused them with proper contempt. Creatures without names. Certainly without manners. With a consummate stock of courage.

Amid so much noise, it is a rare pleasure to linger over this wholly delightful book, which shows how daintiness may twin determination.

A Typical Bunsen.

Three-quarters English, with the blood of the strenuous Barclays, Birkbecks, Buxtons and Gurneys in her, Marie von Bunsen, in her powerful autobiography, describes herself in her younger days as being "tall as a guardsman, good carriage." You have only to look at her portrait to see that she is a woman of strong character. Her powerful face makes you understand that she has never felt the "need of the confessional and the impulse for self-revelation."

In this book, however, she does deal with herself, for it is in effect an acute analysis of the complex problem of dual nationality. Hers, indeed, has been a "many sided, rather tangled personality"; and her vivid statement of the case makes the reader think. Full of "smeddum," as her Barclay ancestors might have said, she makes her will infectious, without being imperious.

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GEORGE ELIOT.

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Reviewed by H. C. MINCHIN.

A matter for curious speculation: What would great people think of their biographies if they could return and read them? Dr. Johnson could not quarrel, unless from sheer perversity, with "Boswell." Sir Walter, surely, would be satisfied with "Lockhart." Tennyson might complain of an excess of polish—at any rate, Leslie Stephen said in connection with the "Life," "This is not the man I used to talk and smoke with." Jowett, master of the unexpected, might say anything—or nothing. But George Eliot might be excused for rising from perusal of this most recent interpretation of her life and genius in some perplexity.

One thing is certain. However extensive or limited their knowledge of the novelist and her writings, Mr. May's readers will find their attention taken captive and held. They may disagree with his contentions, occasionally or even repeatedly, without forfeiting their enjoyment, so infectious is the zest he manifests in his subject. He might, indeed, have been more careful in his facts, and in the inferences he draws from them. George Henry Lewes, he writes, "supported his wife on the intermittent proceeds of free-lance journalism." This statement seems to ignore the fact that Mrs. Lewes, being the owner of property in Herefordshire, must have contributed substantially to the expenses of a household which in due course included three sons. By these sons George Eliot, when united to their father, appears to have done her duty. It is unfair to insinuate, as Mr. May does, that the two younger boys were shipped off to Africa as colonists because they interfered with a selfish solitude *à deux*. George Eliot would certainly have had something to say to this inference, for the presumption is that the lads were deemed by Lewes and herself suited to colonial life, in which case no other motive need be sought or suggested for the decision. It is true, again, that the advice to try her hand at fiction came from Lewes, but to say that without it George Eliot would not have turned novelist is gratuitous. Her creative gifts, being what her readers know them to be, must eventually have found their natural outlet, no matter what her surroundings were. The analytical work she was doing for the *Westminster* and other journals could not have satisfied her permanently.

Mr. May's Criticisms.

It is the novels that count; and here, too, Mr. May deals in extremes. At her best, he says, in "The Mill on the Floss" and "Mr. Gilfil's Love Story," she is of the kin of Shakespeare and of Sophocles; at her worst, as in the latter half of "Silas Marner," her manner is that of one writing tales for a parish magazine. Mixing much with professors and the learned, she is often pompous (he thinks) and uses long words for the sake of their length. It might be retorted on her biographer that he himself never loses an opportunity of dropping into general reflections. Because in "Amos Barton" she describes the cook's retort to the gardener as one "which she probably regarded in the light of a *reductio ad absurdum*," Mr. May scents pedantry, and is offended. But if we read with an eye perpetually on the look-out for small blemishes, we lose our pleasure. There may be an overplus of scientific terms in George Eliot's writing, due to training and earlier practice, but what are they in comparison with her brilliant characterisation and her narrative excellence? Why, they are negligible.

Mr. May holds, and rightly, that her greatest books were those in which she drew on the brooding memories of her childhood: but because that cannot be said of "Middlemarch" he depreciates that remarkable work, apparently not perceiving that the place of memory has been taken, and finely taken, by imagination. Mr. Priestley has set the fashion of long novels nowadays; let those who were not deterred by the length of "The Good Companions" try "Middlemarch." They will find veritably living figures in Dorothea Brook and Rosamond Vincey.

Mr. May opines, and it is commonly said, that George Eliot's novels have fallen into neglect. If so, the loss is with those who neglect them. This very year, in a village known to me, scenes from "The Mill on the Floss" were acted by members of the local women's institute. If it be true that straws show which way the wind is blowing, may not this be a straw?

A FAMOUS PRISON.

"The Grim Bastille." Translated from the German of Friedrich M. Kircheisen by Arthur Chambers. (Hutchinson. 10s. 6d.)

Built originally as a fortress to guarantee the city of Paris against the English invader, the Bastille only slowly, and by change of political conditions, became the State prison as which it nowadays figures in the minds of most of us. Probably no other building ever erected held within its walls so long and so various a list of unwilling guests; a mere enumeration of their names would fill the column in which this notice appears. To tell the stories of them all would require, not a volume, but an encyclopædia. Herr Kircheisen has made what is perhaps as excellent a selection as is possible, and allows many of them to recount their prison experiences in their own words. He has produced a very sad but extremely interesting book, to which adequate justice has been done by its translator.

NEW FICTION.

A TERRIBLE TALE OF THE MINES.

"The Back-to-Backs." By J. C. Grant. (Chatto and Windus. 7s. 6d.)
"Staying with Relations." By Rose Macaulay. (Collins. 7s. 6d.)
"Forward to Life." By Richard F. Russell. (Arrowsmith. 7s. 6d.)
"Parties." By Carl Van Vechten. (Knopf. 7s. 6d.)
"A Hair Divides." By Claude Houghton. (Thornton Butterworth. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by RALPH STRAUS.

Once in every few years there appears a new novel which, if I may be permitted to use the words, proceeds to hit you hard in the face. You read it, and know it to be written in all sincerity, and are shocked and appalled at the terrible picture of life that it paints. You cannot get it out of your head. Weakly you take refuge in the idea that novelists as well as poets are licensed. Here, you try to persuade yourself, is exaggeration, or, more likely, propaganda. The author has the proverbial bee in his bonnet. Things cannot be quite so bad as he makes out. After all! this is a civilised age. And yet, you cannot rid yourself of the uncomfortable conviction that you have been reading something very near indeed to the truth.

It is to the accompaniment of some such thoughts that most of us will read through Mr. Grant's tragic presentation of life in a mining village in the north-east of England. "The Back-to-Backs" is stark and uncompromising and savage. One grimly devilish scene follows another. Men are killed in the most dreadful ways; fathers fight their sons; women become worse than beasts of burden; and life seems to be fitly symbolised by the ghastly cesspool outside the village.

For the purposes of his story Mr. Grant takes what I presume is a typical family of miners, and shows how it comes to be completely wiped out. Geordie, the father, is rough and hot-tempered, but not without his one good point. He loves and admires his elder son Willie, a handsome devil, rarely sober, who has seduced every girl within miles. For the younger son Tom, his mother's favourite, he has no love at all, for Tom has a tincture of culture, and culture is alien to the village of Hagger. The three of them nearly lose their lives in an accident in the mine, and poor Tom is condemned to spend the rest of his days on his back. That, however, is nothing—a mere everyday affair. There is much worse to come. Willie is burnt to death, and in his grief his father strangles himself. The mother dies prematurely worn out, and when Tom realises that his beloved sister-in-law loves an outsider, he stuffs his blanket into his mouth.

A too big bundle of horrors? A too one-sided picture? Surely there must be a gleam here and there which Mr. Grant has missed! And yet he is not unaware that Hagger has its heroines and heroes. The man and woman who so patiently look after Tom, the invariable kindness shown by neighbours to a bereaved family—such aspects as these have not been ignored. What, then, is one to think? In his short introduction Mr. Liam O'Flaherty speaks of this "terrifying novel," and terrifying it certainly is; but it is also a very remarkable novel which introduces to the world a new writer who should make himself widely heard.

MISS MACAULAY IN THE WILDS.

To my mind Miss Rose Macaulay, probably the wittiest woman writer in England to-day, reached her high-water mark with "Orphan Island." Therein you had a brilliantly original idea worked up into a story which not only combined drollery and excitement in the most admirable way, but introduced you to an unforgettable figure. In "Staying with Relations," there is drollery and a certain measure of excitement, but no brilliantly original idea and no quite unforgettable figure. In the earlier pages, moreover, the story hangs fire in the most curious way. A young Englishwoman, with three "character" novels to her credit, goes to visit some Anglo-American relations of hers who are living on the outskirts of a Central American forest. Presumably she will find good "copy" for another novel. The "copy" is duly forthcoming, though hardly of the expected kind, for, in place of a few quiet character-studies, there come apparent abductions, treasure-hunts, and an almost Sexton Blakeish pursuit of a most amiable scoundrel.

This Mr. Phipps, with his high command of the American tongue and his coolness at awkward moments, is certainly a joy to meet, and Miss Macaulay's vignettes of the large family in the house with "Mayan" relics are the witty things that you have come to expect from her. But I cannot honestly say that her new book is her best, or even her second best.

MORE SCHOOL LIFE.

This seems to be the year for public-school novels. "Forward to Life" must be the fourth or fifth that I have read within a very few months. It is good honest stuff, never sensational, wholly lacking in propaganda either for or against "the system," and reasonably outspoken. Its hero is no genius at athletics, but an ordinary likable fellow who makes the ordinary youthful mistakes. His sudden enthusiasms for politics, religion, and what I may call grown-upness, lead him into awkward corners, and he has nobody but himself to blame for what

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THE HISTORICAL NOVEL.

"The Art and Practice of Historical Fiction." By Alfred Tressider Sheppard. (Toulmin. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by J. D. BERESFORD.

Of the eight categories of de Maupassant quoted by Mr. Sheppard none would exclude the functions of the historical novel, which, at its best, may claim to comfort, amuse, or touch; to make its readers dream, laugh, shudder, weep, or think. But the ninth—the inclusive—category, with its gift of forgetfulness, is that which most prominently recommends it to those who seek relief from the immediacy of common life. And if I were seeking two main divisions for my classification of readers, I would separate them by that test, putting one section among those who seek distraction and the other among those who even in their novel-reading look to discover something about the curious ways of this present world.

In this connection, however, we are not concerned with what, for want of a better definition, we call the Realists. For, as Mr. Sheppard admits, however great the author's erudition, he cannot be sure how, precisely, the men and women of an earlier period looked, acted, spoke, or thought. He may find analogies, may follow the guiding thread of an active imagination through the maze of history, seek to reconstruct a living world from the indications left by contemporary writers; but the realism of, say, a Jane Austen or a George Moore, the scrupulous presentation of an observed reality, is obviously beyond his attainment. By way of compensation he should have, according to Merezhkowski, a living delight in and regret for the past; and since it is beyond his power to guarantee exactitude, take to heart the maxim of Horace that "fiction meant to please should be very near the truth."

A Trustworthy Guide.

This, in brief, is the general impression of the message conveyed to me by Mr. Sheppard's able if slightly inconsecutive study of historical fiction. He has read indefatigably, with, apparently, no ill-effects upon his mental digestion, and is still an enthusiastic admirer of the historical novel after writing some ten examples himself and reading perhaps almost as many hundreds. Indeed, as a guide both to the reader and writer of fiction in this kind he is as trustworthy as any guide may be.

But when I come out of my own experience in this kind, to apply his tests to my more restricted field of reading, I feel inclined to make them far more drastic. Mr. Sheppard quotes Mr. Frederic Taber as writing in a review of the American Winston Churchill, that certain of his works "make one wish that the author had burned his library and relied upon the sheer force of his imagination. 'Les Trois Mousquetaires' had a scant allowance of historical accuracy, but it had what was far more essential—a generous supply of real flesh and blood."

A Personal Avowal.

Yet, personally—I make the avowal without shame—I have failed persistently to discover this "real flesh and blood" in Sir Walter Scott. I find no illusion of reality, the thing I chiefly demand, in the majority of his books. "C'est magnifique," I might say, "mais ce n'est pas la terre," or at least no world with which I have any acquaintance. But when Mr. Sheppard praises Stanley Weyman's "Under the Red Robe," I warmly agree with him. I could become lyrical about the admirable contrast of character between Highland and Lowland Scot in "Kidnapped" and "Catriona." The opening chapters of Q's "Lady Good-for-Nothing," which Mr. Sheppard has not apparently read, are as real to me as a piece of my own life. Wherefore my own test of the historical novel would seem to be that my single demand is for the illusion of life, with men and women thinking and acting in whatever period much as they do to-day.

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happens. Nevertheless, he enjoys his school-days, and a scholarship at Cambridge rounds them off very well. Mr. Russell has a keen eye and a pleasant pen, and this first book of his augurs well for his future.

COCKTAILDOM.

Most of the people who go to the New York "Parties" which Mr. Van Vechten describes in such curious detail are drunk from morning to night, and it is a little difficult to become more than faintly interested in them. One of them attempts to get out of the vicious circle, but is unsuccessful. Melodrama intervenes when a wretched youth kills the man who is supposed to be the lover of his best friend's wife, and there is a pleasant diversion when an elderly high-born German lady comes to New York to be initiated into the excitements of cocktaildom.

A STUDY OF FEAR.

The author of "I Am Jonathan Scrivener" has written another curiously attractive and yet elusive story. "A Hair Divides" is not perhaps the one long crescendo of excitement which its predecessor was, but it is a book which you feel bound to read through at a sitting. Primarily, it is a study of fear. The would-be novelist who kills his friend and is never certain whether the affair was an accident or not is a wonderfully good portrait. He was jealous of the man who was in every way his own superior, and yet—was he not innocent? In any case, fear drives him to behave like a guilty man, and so we have Mr. Houghton's story of twenty years ago and to-day.

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THE DEFENCE OF HOLLAND.

"William the Third and the Defence of Holland, 1672-4." By Mary C. Trevelyan. (Longmans. 21s.)

Reviewed by DILYS POWELL.

Miss Trevelyan has taken as the central theme of her book the defence of Holland from 1672 to 1674, and the part played in that defence by William III. She shows us a Holland beset by enemies, invaded by France, tricked by England (of which William by a reversal of fortune was before long to become ruler): and she shows us how the Republic was lifted out of panic and despair by the cool-headedness and resolution of a young man of 21. The remarkable thing is that the young man had by no means been trained to command. The grandson of Charles I., he was born a week after the death of a father whose activities left the Dutch oligarchy profoundly suspicious of "the idea of a 'head of the State'." Before he was 4 years old an Act of Seclusion was passed by which the States of Holland undertook "nevermore to choose the Prince of Orange or any of his house as Stadtholder or Admiral of their province, nor suffer, for as much as the advice of the province is concerned, that he shall ever be elected to the Captain-Generalship over the military forces of the State." Throughout his childhood he was educated as the servant of the State, and not as its ruler. And when he was 15 he was bluntly told by De Witt, who had constituted himself the boy's director, that he must never hope to be Stadtholder.

Outbreak of War.

But De Witt had not reckoned with the Dutch people and their enthusiasm for the House of Orange; nor had he reckoned with Louis XIV. Miss Trevelyan, after giving an account of the early years of William III. with their obvious reactions on his mind and character, goes on to describe the tangle of diplomacy and intrigue which led up to the French invasion of the Republic in 1672—the Triple Alliance, the Treaty of Dover, the raid by English men-of-war on the Dutch merchant fleet in the Channel. The Dutch were unprepared for war. Troops were scarce and of dubious stamina. On the Ijssel line, which, it was hoped, would check the advance of the enemy, there was "an almost complete dearth of artillery"; "we have not a single piece," wrote Van Beverningk to De Witt just before the completion of the line. It was difficult to get hay for the horses; desertion from the ranks was frequent; internal dissension hampered any kind of organisation. But the enormous French army, schooled in efficiency by the notorious Martinet and his peers, was advancing. "Jamais," says Voltaire, "on n'avait vu une armée si magnifique et en même temps mieux disciplinée." Something had to be done; and gradually it became apparent that William was the man to do it.

The Inundations.

At first, however, the Dutch met with nothing but disaster. French forces crossed the Rhine and the Ijssel army was broken up, Utrecht was abandoned, and William, with the army of which he was now Captain-General, fell back on Holland.

> An army of 9,000 men, divided between five widely separated posts which were strung out from the Zuyder Zee to the Waal, commanded by a committee of civilians and a boy of one-and-twenty, was scarcely a hopeful instrument with which to save Holland from conquest and destruction. Safety came from another quarter, as it had come a hundred years before, when the Spaniards were laying siege to Leiden. The peculiar geographical formation and river system of the Province of Holland enabled the Dutch, by an infinitely elaborate system of inundations, to fill up the gaps between their military posts, so that, in open weather, no enemy would penetrate beyond this water barrier.

Inundation was a desperate and a difficult remedy. To begin with, there was the reluctance of the peasants to be surmounted.

> The land, which is under water one day [wrote Marshal Wirtz], is often scarcely wet by the next morning although the water is still running into it from the opened sluices and cuttings. There can be no other cause for this than the great cunning of the peasants, which comes near to downright treachery, for thereby the water is drained off again by various methods and in ways unknown to me.

The lack of equipment was appalling. "I have been here [Muiden] three days," writes John Maurice, "without a spade or shovel, with never a stiver of money, no cannon, finding here six iron pieces in rotten carriages." In answer to his appeal a few small pieces of cannon were sent, but they were on such low carriages that "they were only fit for drinking healths with." But, in spite of everything, the astounding work went on: the French, baulked, could do nothing but wait for the frosts of winter.

Holland Saved.

And gradually the stubborn heroism of the Dutch began to reap its reward. "My lord," said William to Buckingham, come to negotiate, "my country is indeed in danger, but there is one way never to see it lost, and that is to die in the last ditch." That, happily, was not necessary: William, restored to the Stadtholderate by the incontrovertible will of the people, was able to save his country from destruction. Miss Trevelyan tells the story of the defence of Holland in detail: this is a book more for the historian than for the "general reader." But, though the brilliant scholarship of her study is its most remarkable quality, she does not lose sight of the drama inherent in this critical period of history; so that the "general reader" will find much enjoyment in it. It remains only to point out that the reader with Stuart sympathies may find provocation too.

Some important new novels are coming out this week, beginning with Miss Rose Macaulay's "Staying with Relations," which Collins publish to-morrow. Cassell will issue Mr. Hichens's story, "The Bracelet," and Carl Van Vechten's "Parties," dealing with an aged German Countess who goes to New York to explore speakeasies, comes from Knopf.

MEDIÆVAL PARIS.

"Le Paris de Charles V. (1364-1380)." By Jacques-Th. de Castelnau. (Paris: Hachette. 12fr. 50c.)

Reviewed by LAURIE MAGNUS.

Mr. Rassendyll's Uncle William, speaking "out of a ripe experience of the world," held that "no man should pass through Paris without spending four-and-twenty hours there." His nephew, Rudolf, it will be remembered, dutifully honoured this advice before he went to Ruritania for the first time, but there is no evidence that he was interested, or that his uncle stimulated his interest, in the historical associations of the city. Other visitors to Paris, with, perhaps, more than one day to devote to it, may like to possess themselves of this valuable account of Paris in the fourteenth century, when Charles V. was king and helped to found modern France. They will like to trace on the excellent folding-map at the back of M. de Castelnau's volume the relations between present and ancient Paris, and they will enjoy the eight pictures which illustrate his text. The book consists of three main chapters—the first, A Walk through Paris: the left bank, the city, and the right bank; the second, Life in Paris; the third, Administration and Justice; and there is an appendix reproducing the ordinance of Hugues Aubriot for the management of the prison of Le Chatelet dated June 28, 1372.

Grave and Gay.

The book is written in the pleasant style which so often characterises the popular works of French *savants*, who wear their learning lightly, and do not even unload it into many footnotes. The narrative flows easily, yet we feel that it flows on a full tide of knowledge. On the whole, despite the cruelties of the times—it is recorded that

> animals, too, which caused the death of human beings, were convicted. The judges of Ste. Geneviève and St. Martin solemnly condemned a sow to be burned which had devoured some babies—

there was a good deal of fun and jollity, and human nature was as human then as now. We are told of some spectacle, for example, when, in order to keep the route, the King himself had commanded that no foot-passenger or carriage should stand in the Rue Saint-Denis: but—

> Parisians are naturally disrespectful to rules, and the serjeants had all the trouble in the world in keeping the curious in circulation.

Altogether, a very attractive little book.

MARIE CORELLI.

"Memoirs of Marie Corelli." By Bertha Vyver. (Alston Rivers. 21s.)

Whoever else may have been doubtful about the future of Mary Mackay, little daughter of the author of "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," and "The Good Time Coming," it was not the child herself; that much is certain from Miss Vyver's "Memoirs":—

> I don't believe you understand me very well [she explained to her governess] and then, perhaps, I tease and bother you and you won't *try* to understand. Then again, perhaps, you are not really clever. They say it takes a very clever person indeed to understand a child, especially a child who is showing signs of ambition. You see, all the world is new to me—it's quite old to you, but to me it's a novelty, and you can't imagine how much I think of it! I love it all! I love the sunlight, and the trees, and the fields, and the birds, and the flowers—they all say things to me—yes! And then as you know, I read a lot of poetry, and the most beautiful ideas come into my head. . . . There is something else for me than I see at present—I know there is.

Before many years had passed, indeed, "Marie Corelli's" confidence was to be justified; and her fame grew together with the number of her novels. Nor was it merely a "popular" success. Mr. Gladstone called on her, and chatted for two hours—while Mrs. Gladstone waited outside in the carriage. The Prince of Wales, later King Edward, invited her to dine with him at Homburg; during the evening he took her hand in his to look at it, and "called the attention of everyone to it and said, 'Out of small things what wonders rise!'" Even Edmund Yates, the terrible "Atlas" of the *World*, capitulated when he met her, took out of his pocket one of his "slashing criticisms" and waved it, saying "Never again, little chappy."

And so the triumphant progress went on, until the day when Avon gained another resident Swan—a swan whom the astonished townspeople of Stratford frequently observed gliding on the river in a gondola. Miss Vyver, who knew Marie Corelli intimately from childhood—and indeed lived with her most of her life—tells the fantastic story with a natural awe and with an affection which silences criticism.

MADAME ROLAND.

"A Lady Who Loved Herself." By Catherine Young. (Knopf. 16s.)

"A Lady Who Loved Herself" is really, to say the least of it, a very inefficient phrase in which to sum up the character of a woman so remarkable in so many respects as Madame Roland. And, although Mrs. Young's dissection of Madame Roland's life and character may cast some doubts on the almost superhuman beauty of the figure drawn for us by previous historians—notably by Carlyle, in whose eyes she was a saint as pure and holy as the legendary figure of Joan of Arc—few readers will be found altogether to accept Mrs. Young's judgment of her as "a nature fundamentally hard and egotistic, bent only on its own glorification." That she was something of a *poseuse*, that even at the judgment bar and on the scaffold she was a little over-conscious of "the gallery," that she was over-fond of adulation and over-aware of the limelight, may be granted. And her greatest admirers may well share Mrs. Young's shocked surprise at her "confession," so absolutely gratuitous, to her husband of her love for Buzot, a proceeding which, though he was certain of his wife's purity of conduct, must have added cruelly to Roland's already heavy burden. But these flaws of character and conduct scarcely justify so harsh a verdict.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY FICTION.

"Shorter Novels: The Eighteenth Century." With an Introduction by Philip Henderson. Everyman's Library. (Dent. 2s.)

Reviewed by KATHLEEN LEE.

To their series of shorter novels Messrs. Dent have now added a third volume, continuing the survey of English fiction which began with "Jack of Newberie."

The present group consists of Johnson's "Rasselas," Walpole's "Castle of Otranto," and Beckford's "Vathek," three stories which, though diverse in themselves, serve to show the changing taste of the period, passing from the disciplined Augustan tradition of "Rasselas" to the fantastic sensationalism of "Otranto," and finally to the wild unreality of "Vathek." The success which each enjoyed in its day indicates, as Mr. Philip Henderson points out in his excellent introduction, that while retaining their admiration for Johnson, people were ready to give full play to those impulses to which fiction of the "Otranto" school was designed to appeal. A whole crop of "frantic" novels ensued: Romance found ministers in such disciples of Walpole as "Monk" Lewis and Mrs. Radcliffe, and the "thriller" came into its own.

"Rasselas," though it has a nominally romantic setting as an account of the wanderings of an Abyssinian prince who desires to gain experience of life, is but a sober prelude to its companions in the volume, and it is impossible to be unaware that the prince is, for the most part, but a peg upon which the Doctor can hang his discourses on the vanity of human wishes. Sobriety is excusable when we remember that Johnson wrote the book during the week after his mother's death, to discharge her funeral expenses: and the reflections expressed therein still provide food for thought, since he shows himself as remarkably modern in his views on the relation of mind and matter and the nature of the soul. His observations on poetry, too, are curiously discerning for one who, if not entirely of his own choice, yet at any rate without recorded protest, could begin the "Lives of the English Poets" at the generation of Cowley and Waller.

"The Castle of Otranto."

"Rasselas" bears many readings. The same cannot be said of either of the other stories. "The Castle of Otranto" fails to horrify an age familiar with "Dracula" and Edgar Wallace: gigantic helmets and walking portraits seem crude, and all the creaking machinery of this pseudo-Gothic romance cannot even cool our blood. We can but ponder on Gray's statement that "it made some of his friends cry, and all feel afraid to go to bed at night," and wonder.

"The Castle of Otranto" is said to have originated in a dream, and thus in its genesis resembles "Vathek," which is clearly anticipated in Beckford's "Vision" of 1777. The French romances of the period were the means by which the Oriental spirit in contemporary literature were conveyed to Beckford, for whom the East held a great attraction, and he wrote "Vathek" in French, afterwards translating it into English. Of this macabre invention it is difficult to form an estimate: it is certainly one of the curiosities of our literature, standing alone, as it does, with no immediate predecessor or successor. It is full of inconsistencies: in its pages fancy runs riot and magic of the blackest kind abounds. Yet there is in the conclusion a touch of Dantesque sublimity which draws a moral from the evil enchantments and fleshly pursuits of the earlier part, and pronounces a solemn warning against "that blind curiosity which would transgress those bounds the wisdom of the Creator has prescribed to human knowledge."

With "Vathek" the last shreds of Augustanism are blown away, and the stage is set for the beginning of the real Romantic Revival.

POLITICS AND PRICES.

"Import Boards." By Harold Cox. (The Anti-Socialist Union, 58, Victoria Street, S.W. Price 1d.)

The Anti-Socialist Union, a body founded in 1908 with the object of fighting Socialism under every aspect, has recently issued a pamphlet from the pen of Mr. Harold Cox warning the public against the threatened establishment of Import Boards by the Labour Government. The Labour Party has for some years dallied with grandiose schemes for controlling the supply and the price of wheat and meat in particular, and the Government announced at the end of last session that the creation of Import Boards would form a part of its programme for the rehabilitation of British farming and the control of retail prices. Mr. Cox points out that these schemes have their origin in the popular distrust of the middleman, and argues that the public too often overlook the valuable part played by the dealer who acts as an intermediary between producer and consumer. No State Department can take his place with any hope of the same measure of success.

In this pamphlet the case against the establishment of Import Boards is put clearly and concisely. Mr. Cox argues that if the Government were to buy at low prices in a season of plenty, and a second heavy crop followed, the stocks would have to be cleared at a loss which would fall upon the taxpayers. If the surplus were exported, foreign countries would complain of dumping by the British Government. Difficulties also would constantly arise with the Dominions on the question of prices; and all the time there would be an unceasing conflict between the desire of the British farmers to keep prices up and of the British public to buy food cheap, which could not be reconciled by any Government Department. Mr. Cox's conclusion is that under any system of Government control of food prices the British public must stand to lose, either by an increase in the price of commodities or by an increase in taxation to cover losses.

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MR. SASSOON'S WAR MEMORIES.

"Memoirs of an Infantry Officer." -By Siegfried Sassoon. (Faber and Faber. 7s. 6d.)

Reviewed by SIR PHILIP GIBBS.

After many books which have struggled to give the whole picture of war in one narrative—all its agony, all its horror, all its filth—with tortured efforts to get an effect of strength and truth by blasphemous language and obscene detail over-emphasised, it is a relief, in my mind, to read a book about the war as it was experienced by one young officer with the gift of self-analysis and self-expression, but otherwise typical (or forced into the type) of all those thousands of young battalion officers of ours who fought in France and Flanders.

Mr. Siegfried Sassoon tells his own story under the thin veil of fiction which he used in his charming book, "Memoirs of a Fox-hunting Man." He does not generalise about the war, but puts down simply, finely, and sensitively exactly what happened to him, and especially what happened in his mind because of the things he did, and saw, and suffered, and thought about, up there on the Somme and outside Arras in 1916 and 1917.

It seems to be perfectly and completely true, as far as his own experience went. It is the war that I remember, the look of it, the smell of it, the spirit of it. I recognise the officers and men who pass through his pages, though I do not recognise those who pass through some of the other war books. I can give the names of men whom he leaves anonymous. The enthusiast on sniping whom he encountered was Hesketh Prichard. The officer who discoursed on bayonet-fighting with homicidal eloquence (though he was a humane and generous-hearted man) was Colonel Ronald Campbell. Among all his portraits of brother-officers, in trenches and dug-outs and billets, there is not one whom I do not recognise as typical of those I met in the same places, thinking the same things, talking in the same way, behaving exactly as he makes them do. And his own mind seems to me for two-thirds of the book essentially like the mind of a very large number of young officers with whom I came in contact on the Somme before and during the "Great Push."

Youth in War.

Mr. Sassoon may resent my saying that. He describes himself as "a solitary-minded man," and he may believe that by education and temperament he was somewhat different from his fellow-officers, more sensitive to his environment, more intellectually aware of its brutality and ugliness, more alert to its contrasts of beauty—the light over No Man's Land, the larks singing above the gun-fire, flowers growing in fields behind the line. But I truly believe that in telling us how his own mind reacted to these scenes and episodes of war he is also telling us what was happening in the minds of thousands of young men of his own caste and kind, who were the second lieutenants in those battalions which attacked at Fricourt and Mametz with high hopes that went down at last in five months of slaughter. They were not fox-hunting men, most of them, the home life behind them was not perhaps so charming as his, they had not the same gift of words alone with a pencil and a bit of paper, but they were the heirs to the same tradition of English life, their sensitiveness, and their awareness to these contrasts between life and death, beauty and ugliness, were, I am certain, very similar. It is that comradeship of the mind and spirit with so many others who went up the same roads—and had not the same luck—which gives a special value to this book. It is not only the memoirs of an infantry officer. It is a story of the war in the minds of our army of youth who went into the "Great Push" of 1916. They were different in 1917, as Siegfried Sassoon was different, though they didn't make the same revolt.

The Blood Lust of 1916.

In those early days this infantry officer did not philosophise about the causes of the war or regard the fighting men as "victims of conspiracy." He used his leave in England to buy a special pair of wire-cutters at the Army and Navy Stores. He was very keen to go on his first raid. He definitely wanted to kill somebody at close quarters. His courage, he says, was of the "cock-fighting kind."

> Cock-fighting is illegal in England, but in July, 1916, the man who could boast that he had killed a German in the Battle of the Somme would have been patted on the back by a bishop in a hospital ward.

He behaved with heroic idiocy or extreme gallantry in an attack on a German trench, and in the presence of danger and dead bodies became angry and excited and elated. He won his Military Cross.

> The little doctor, who would soon be dressing the wounds of moaning men, unpicked his own faded medal ribbon, produced needle and thread, and sewed the white and purple portent on to my tunic. For the rest of the day, and, indeed, for the remainder of my military career, the left side of my chest was more often in my mind than the right—a habit which was common to a multitule of wearers of Military Cross ribbons.

One remembers that sensation towards the end of the book when its author records a moment when he tore the ribbon off his chest and threw it into the Mersey as a protest against war.

> Weighted with significance though this action was, it would have felt more conclusive had the ribbon been heavier. As it was the poor little thing fell weakly into the water and floated away as though aware of its own futility.

Jesting at Death.

But there was a long time to go before the wearing and the tearing of that bit of ribbon. During the Somme and afterwards at Arras these memoirs record the lives and minds of men who did not question the war, although they cursed it. They still had a belief in the importance of their own company or platoon, and knew very little that was going on beyond their particula patch of the battle front. They made the best of rest time in billets; they laughed a lot.

Through many of these pages there is a sense of mirth in the close proximity of death and mutilation. And yet, as the author writes:—

> Time seems to have obliterated the laughter of the war. I cannot hear it in my head. How strange such laughter would sound could I but recover it as it was on such an evening as I am describing, when we all knew that we'd got to attack that night. . . . In the meantime we'd got some rum inside us and could find something to laugh about. Our laughter leapt up like the flames of camp fires, soon to be stamped out or extinguished by our impartial opponent, the rain.

Denouncing War.

Mr. Sassoon, or the "George Sherston" of his book, had, on the whole, a less nerve-racking time than many of his brother-officers and most of the private soldiers, because he was lucky in being invalided home at times and escaping some of the worst battles. It was not the effect of broken nerve—and no one can accuse him of any failure in courage—which made him shock his superior officers by denouncing the war as a swindle and giving his reasons thereto in a document which startled them considerably as a pacifist manifesto. A conversation with a man whom he calls "Markington," but who is obviously Massingham, the editor of the *Nation*, seems to have been the main influence in deciding him to this act of revolt against discipline, and there is a simplicity and boyishness in his mental state at this time which takes away some of the glamour which made him an object of hero-worship among conscientious objectors and pacifists towards the end of the war. He had not thought things out very deeply. It was exasperation rather than philosophy or idealism which led to the intellectual bombshell which he flung at the military system. He was, in fact, once again like thousands of young officers who had reached the stage of disillusion, who were questioning the origins and meaning of this world war which threatened the extermination of the world's manhood and their own chance of life, believing vaguely that they were being sacrificed by bloodthirsty old men, profiteers, and politicians, who enjoyed the war at home while youth died. He differed from them only that he put down his thoughts in writing—rather portentously, as he admits—and sent them to headquarters. He realised the futility of this gesture, and now in this book seems to smile at the inadequacy of his reasoning.

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FEDERALISM IN THE BALANCE.

"The Failure of Federalism in Australia." By A. P. Canaway. (Humphrey Milford. 12s. 6d.)

Reviewed by SIR JOHN MARRIOTT.

The Commonwealth and States of Australia are at present much in the public eye. Mr. Canaway may, therefore, be deemed to that extent fortunate in the moment of his publication. We are all anxious to hear of anything which will help our fellow subjects in the Commonwealth out of the difficulties which confront them.

For many years past Federalism has been the most favoured political device of the student of comparative politics. Philosophy and experience combined to recommend it. "Where the conditions exist for the formation of efficient and durable Federal Unions the multiplication of them is always a benefit to the world." So wrote J. S. Mill. Lord Acton recommended a federal form of government as the surest guarantee of freedom, the most efficient safeguard against the tyranny of majorities. Professor Henry Sidgwick ventured on prophecy, and deemed an extension of the federal principle the "most probable of the political prophecies relative to the form of Government." The teaching of philosophy was sustained by experience. Federalism was working admirably in Switzerland; it had solved a difficult problem in Canada; the progress of the United States under their federal constitution compelled the amazed admiration of the world.

The title of Mr. Canaway's book naturally therefore arrested attention. On observing it I could imagine that the author was a supporter of the secessionist movement in Western Australia. That movement has of late been widely advertised, and I jumped to the conclusion that Mr. Canaway was coming forward as an advocate of State rights. Not a bit of it. He is not a particularist, but a unitarian. His complaint against federalism in Australia is not that it has infringed too much on the autonomy of the State, but that it has failed to extinguish it altogether. He would, in short, substitute a unitary for the federal system in Australia.

An All-round Failure.

That the general tendency of Federalism is centripetal is undeniable. In every country where it has been adopted the Central Government is apt to extend its sphere at the expense of the component States. Equally undeniable is it that the working of Federalism in the Australian Commonwealth has revealed weaknesses which only a larger measure of centralisation can remedy. But Mr Canaway's indictment is much more sweeping. Federalism is, in his opinion, an all-round failure; nothing short of unification can cure the diseases of the body politic.

Mr. Canaway is not concerned exclusively, nor, indeed, primarily, with finance. Financial confusion is only one of the many unfortunate results of a faulty system of government. No doubt, if the publication of this book had been delayed for another twelve months, greater emphasis would have been laid on this aspect of the matter. Mr. Canaway is even more concerned at the excessive urbanisation of Australia and the relative neglect by the Government, or Governments, of the primary producers and their interests. Unquestionably it is true that the Government has paid excessive deference to the demands of the urban constituencies, and has imposed intolerable burdens, both direct and indirect, upon the agriculturists. This may be due to the federal form of the Constitution; but Mr. Canaway fails, as it seems to me, to establish the connection.

Nevertheless, the work is both timely and important.

THE OTHER HENRY JAMES.

"Lord James of Hereford." By Lord Askwith. (Benn. 21s.)

Few Victorian statesmen are perhaps less known to the man in the street to-day than Lord James of Hereford, for his whole outlook—he was born and he remained a Whig—is very much out of the stream of tendency at this moment. And yet, as Lord Askwith reminds us, he played a great part in the politics of his period, and that, too, of all parties, although nearly always behind the scenes. Lord Askwith, who "devilled" for him, as the other Asquith also did, has written an admirably balanced account of him which gives him his place in the history of his period.

One of the most interesting features of it is the account of his contacts with the Queen, for, although she had disapproved of his attitude on the Royal Tithes Bill of 1876, she showed him distinct favour in his later years, especially when he visited her, as a minister, at Balmoral, although, as he once wrote, he found what Sir Henry Ponsonby called "our Highland palace" as "cold as death." He was five times at Balmoral between 1895 and 1909, and saw the Queen in many moods. In 1896, for example, when he dined with her every night, she was very cheerful and seemed most desirous "to enlarge the usual scope of conversation with the object of cheering Princess Henry of Battenberg, who had just been widowed." When Princess Henry sat between him and the Queen, Her Majesty talked across her daughter to Lord James, an innovation in her manner which Byng attributed to the Queen's desire to amuse her daughter. It was on this occasion that the Queen referred to Gladstone as having done "a great deal of harm." He was "very dangerous," she said.

There is a most pathetic account of the Queen's decline in health in 1900. In May of that year she was very "cheerful, enjoying any anecdote or smart conversation according to her nature." But when he returned in October, after her visit to Ireland, she had shrunk "so as to appear about one half of the person she had been." This was the only occasion on which he ever heard her refer to the Prince Consort as "my husband." On a visit a year later Lord James found another change, for, while the Queen had been wont to sit at the head of the table, King Edward sat in the middle of it—"because my father always did so," he said.

If Lord James largely disappeared from the public view, he remained quietly active, and at the age of 79 acted as chairman of the Royal Commission on whisky, while continuing to sit as a judge in the House of Lords. Lord James led a full life, which Lord Askwith, who has undertaken the task which Mr. Alfred Lyttelton had eagerly looked forward to doing, has set forth with a sound sense of its significant service.

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Edited by F. McKno Bladon (John Lane. 18s.).

MEMOIRS OF AN INFANTRY OFFICER.
By Siegfried Sassoon (Faber and Faber. 7s. 6d.).

There really seems no getting away from the war in one shape or another. Mr. Siegfried Sassoon's "Memoirs of an Infantry Officer," of which 20,000 copies were sold by Faber and Faber before the day of publication, is being followed by a book on a little known aspect of the war, called "Cohort of the Tropics," dealing with the war in Central Africa, by Mr. Owen Letcher, of Johannesburg, which is being issued by Waterlow, while "The Home Front," by Sylvia Pankhurst, a Hutchinson book, contains reminiscences of Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Balfour, and many others.

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The aftermath of the war is discussed in a book called "The Revolver Republic: France's bid for the Rhine," by Mr. G. E. R. Gedye, the well-known newspaper correspondent in Vienna, to be published by Arrowsmith. "The Coming of the War" in 1914 is the subject of a big Scribner book by Bernadotte E. Schmitt.

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Domestic politics are likely to occupy a good deal of space on publishers' lists. A beginning will be made next month by Mr. Wickham Steed's book, "The Real Stanley Baldwin," to be issued by Nisbet, in which he deals with Mr. Baldwin's attitude to tariffs, which he calls "The Baldwin Enigma."

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The biographies of the week include the "Memoirs of Marie Corelli," by her friend, Miss Bertha Vyver, published by Alston Rivers. Marie Corelli's books may not be read as they once were, but she will always remain an interesting personality. Another interesting book is the autobiography of Mr. Robert Courtneidge, "I Was An Actor Once," which Hutchinson will issue.

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Mr. Frank Rutter, the Art Critic of the SUNDAY TIMES, is publishing through Methuen next week a book on the great Spanish painter, "El Greco." Mr. Rutter considers that no old master has had a greater influence on modern painters than that strange sixteenth century artist who, born in Crete, received his training in Venice and settled at Toledo.

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Perhaps the most interesting book of the season for motorists is the career of Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, by his intimate friends, Lady Troubridge and Mr. Archibald Marshall, which Macmillan is publishing this week. It may not be generally known that the scene of Mr. Marshall's early novel, "Exton Manor," was laid at Beaulieu.

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For the people to whom Mr. H. G. Wells is of supreme importance the announcement that Mr. Geoffrey West is publishing, through Gerald Howe, a study of him subtitled "A Sketch for a Portrait," will be good news. The book, I understand, is strong in portraits and also gives a bibliography.

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If Lord Grey has retired from the public scene he still pursues his angling enthusiasms, enabling him to give a new and enlarged edition of his well-known "Fly-Fishing," originally issued thirty years ago. This edition, which will be issued by Dent next month, contains, I hear, some autobiographical material.

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Miss Violet Meynell, who is very sparing in her work, is to be represented by a collection of her verse under the title of "The Frozen Ocean," which Martin Secker is to publish. The same publishers are also issuing Rebecca West's tribute to D. H. Lawrence and the latter's last work in fiction, which is called "The Virgin and the Gipsy."

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Mr. Alan Stapleton, whose "London Alleys" is pleasantly remembered, has now followed it up with a book called "London Lanes," containing forty of his delicate pencil drawings, which John Lane is issuing this week. He has also written the text.

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Viscountess Wolseley pursues her work on Sussex with devotion, for she is following up "Sussex in the Past" with "Some Sussex Byways," which the Medici Society is publishing.

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SPORT IN THE CLASSICAL AGE.

"Athletics of the Ancient World." By E. Norman Gardiner, D.Litt. (Oxford University Press. 28s.)

Twenty years ago Dr. Gardiner published his "Greek Athletic Sports and Festivals." His new book is at once simpler and more comprehensive. There is much new material, though considerably less archæology. It is a book written primarily for all those who are interested in athletics, and it will endear itself to everybody by the wealth of its illustrations. These, indeed, form about the most attractive collection of the kind ever brought together between the covers of a single book.

The modern athlete may be surprised to discover how few of his sports and pastimes are recent inventions. Enthusiasts, it is true, are liable to make deductions which cannot be substantiated—Dr. Gardiner delivers a dignified rebuke to the gentleman who "discovered" that Rugby football had been played by the ancients—but it is a fact that most of the sports and competitions which may be seen to-day at our Olympic Games were known, though sometimes in a far more primitive form, to the old Greeks.

The Egyptians had their ball games—women seemed to have enjoyed them—Crete and China their boxers and wrestlers. As for the ordinary "events" of an athletic meeting, none was omitted. The Greeks, of course, were the best athletes in the world, not least because their safety depended so largely on their physical fitness. The Romans despised purely athletic competitions, but were wise enough to maintain the Greek festivals when their Empire stretched out eastwards. And it is interesting to find that even in those days the evils of professionalism were creeping in.

Dr. Gardiner's chapters on life in the gymnasium and a typical Greek festival are fascinating, and his final essay on ball-play is hardly less so, though here he might well have gone a little further and demolished some of the curious theories which trace back tennis and rackets to the Persians. There was, as he shows, a primitive form of "fives" played by the Greeks, and fives was the forerunner of all racket-games, but beyond that it is unwise to go. This is a truly delightful book, as useful to the student as it will be entertaining to the general reader.

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FRONTIER POLITICS.

By GERALD BARRY.

It is astonishing how few English people seem to have discovered the Austrian Tirol as a place of holiday. Returning this summer to the Zillertal after a lapse of eight years I encountered no English at all, until my last day—and that was not in the mountains, but in the little swimming bath at Mayrhofen, where a failure to grapple with a sudden visitation of horse-flies brought a mild English oath to my ears. But seeing what opportunities Tirol offers both to those who climb and those who are fond of Alpine scenery and flowers, at far less cost than in the fashionable and over-crowded resorts of Switzerland, it certainly is surprising that the English go there so little.

It is the more surprising because Tirol is so close to other places where the English flock like pigeons. It is only a few hours from Oberammergau, which this year has attracted so many English that whole districts round Munich and Innsbruck have resembled Sunday School workers' outings for weeks at a time. The journey to and from Tirol was a nightmare of Black Hats: Clerical Hats bound for Oberammergau (where, surely, more ecclesiastical broadcloth was in evidence in July and August even than at the Lambeth Conference itself), and High-Brow Hats bound for the Music Festival at Salzburg, crowning heads held permanently at an angle, and equipped with loud voices and soft beards. Yet from none of these places, almost within yodelling distance of Tirol though they be, did the Clerical Hats or the High-Brow Hats or any English Hats at all, nor the blameless cotton voile of their feminine escorts, show any inclination to penetrate into the valleys and mountain huts of Zillertal.

FOR THE CLIMBER.

The peaks of Tirol are not so high as the highest of Switzerland, but height is not everything to the climber. Löffler, Moeselle Schwarzenstein, Hochfeilerkopf, Olperer are all over the 11,000 mark, and offer first-class climbs on ice and rock. The snow lay long this year, and the climbing was delayed and difficult, but in this Tirol was not peculiar. Besides, if the weather is bad, the huts make no bad prison. Most of them are run by the German and Austrian Alpine Club, and are clean, cheap, and efficient. There are bedrooms for two and three as well as mattresses. In the high huts of Switzerland you must cook your own food. Here in Tirol it is done excellently for you; plain in type, but of a quite surprising variety. And miraculously the pack-mules contrive to struggle up from the valley with barrels aboard them, so that even at six and seven thousand feet one can often get ice-cold Pilsner on draught.

The mountain people are quite unspoiled, even, it seems, in such a tourist-centre as Mayrhofen, from which the valleys of what is loosely called Zillertal radiate. Here the German and Austrian tourists—who have the mountains virtually to themselves and know how to make the most of them—pass on their way to and from the snow, to buy their films and picture postcards, or stock their rucksacks with dried fruits and chocolate and butter (it is cheaper to take it with you than buy it higher up).

Nowhere is the unselfconsciousness of the Teuton more apparent. The women, who seem born to be great in a strictly physical sense, cram their bulky frames into unbecoming breeches, bend their backs beneath prodigious burdens, smother their faces in glacier-cream, or fix cherry leaves, picked by the wayside, over their noses to keep off the sun.

A MOUNTAINEER.

And how seriously they take their climbing! Everything must have a theory. There was the charming Viennese who accompanied us over the glacier to Schwarzenstein. How serious he was! "This is how you should breathe when you are climbing. The Professor in Vienna taught us that at our climbing classes." He was a teetotaler and a non-smoker, and a Socialist. "Prohibition is coming to Europe," he said. "We must work too hard to drink. You will see." It was freezing cold on the summit, and as he turned his back to observe a party struggling up from below we gulped guiltily at our flask of *kirsch* water. A moment later he produced his own flask. "Now I will have my honey and milk," he announced.

The pack on his back weighed 25 kilos. and was equipped for every conceivable emergency and several that were inconceivable. Among other things, here above the glaciers, he had no fewer than three bathing suits—one, as he explained, for company, one for when he was with his wife, and one for when he was quite alone. He was carrying them all, in a place where no water was, or could be. But he knew more about mountains than most men, and was steady and sturdy as a rock.

A FRIENDLY REGION.

The friendliness of the mountain people is quite unforced. They are genuinely pleased to see you. When you arrive at a hut you must *grüss Gott* all round and shake hands with every member of the household and staff. Down goes your pack with a thump and a clatter in the corner, you take your place at a table, order your food, and at once you are almost one of the family. How good is the steaming pea-soup with sausage when you have been up since dawn and are really tired and hungry!

In good climbing weather the huts are only ports of call, but in weather that keeps one indoors they can be the jolliest places in the world. Nearly everyone can play or sing, or both; a guitar hangs on the wall of every house. Lower down, at the Stillupehaus, we found that the proprietor (gamekeeper to a Silesian baron who escaped here from his coal-mines to shoot chamois) played five different instruments, and he performed for us on each of them in turn. Generally there is a guide or local youth to dance a *schuplattler* with one of the room-girls.

FEELING AGAINST ITALY.

Feeling against Italy is still strong. Authority has found it necessary to post notices begging the inhabitants not to mutilate the frontier stones, as the cost of replacement falls heavily on the Government! The Italians will not allow one to cross the frontier anywhere at all on the mountains, with one single exception; there you are allowed as a concession to stay for one night only, and must return whence you came, though you be equipped with papers and passports from the Archangels themselves. Mountains and huts on the Italian side have all been renamed, and everything is being done to Italianise the Southern Tirolese. The Austrians tell you that in every hut on the Italian side it is compulsory to hang a framed photograph of Mussolini, and that if the glass gets broken a heavy fine is imposed. In the only Italian hut I visited (the only hut one is allowed to visit from Austria) a photograph of Mussolini was certainly hanging—*but it had no glass.* The sanitary amenities were in marked contrast to the cleanliness of the huts in Austria.

Much of the restriction on frontier intercourse is, I suspect, not political but fiscal. If so, it is singularly ineffective. Smugglers pass backwards and forwards over the *jochs* day by day, laden with fantastic weights of contraband; silks one way, cigars the other. Everyone recognises them and everyone helps them. It is part of the *camaraderie* of the mountains.

This *camaraderie* is the dominant note, common to all mountain people, as to sea-folk and all who live in loneliness and under the shadow of disaster. It goes with a simple piety and strong superstition, and it makes them wise and kindly.

IRISH FREE STATE

INTERNATIONAL STATUS.

A PLACE IN THE SUN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DUBLIN, Saturday.

It is to be hoped that the election of the Irish Free State to a seat on the Council of the League of Nations will satisfy our Government that we are really autonomous. I say "our Government" advisedly, because it is no use trying to convert the opposition to a belief which they resolutely refuse to share. So long as the Fianna Fail party wishes to indulge in the luxury of an inferiority complex it is quite welcome to do so, and nobody cares very much; but it is a different matter when the energies of the Minister for External Affairs (who is also Minister for Industry and Commerce, with plenty to occupy him in that department) are spent entirely on attempting to assert a position of independence which no serious person denies. It is symptomatic of the preoccupation of the Government with matters of international status that the first issue of their new party monthly organ devotes half its space to elaborate constitutional and legal arguments proving the autonomy of the Free State. Now that the country has demonstrated its success in getting apart from its neighbours politically, it might, perhaps, begin to get together with them economically to the mutual advantage of all parties.

THE MAYNOOTH DECREES.

The decrees of the recent Synod of Maynooth, to which I referred last week, have been translated into English and issued in popular form. They are extremely interesting inasmuch as they define the official attitude of the Catholic Church towards many contemporary social problems of Irish life. The growing menace of the betting evil is given a prominent place in the decrees, which "earnestly exhort the clergy to endeavour to withdraw the laity from the dangerous practice of betting on horse races, dog races, and other contests, especially when betting is for high stakes." The scandal of race meetings on Sundays and holy days is referred to in strong language: "We most strictly forbid that public horse-racing, greyhound-racing, whippet-racing, coursing, or other sports which include one or other of these be at any time held on a Sunday; we forbid them also on festival days of precept, but without prejudice to the right of the Bishop to grant permission in particular cases for special reasons."

As might have been expected, the pronouncement on contraception is strong and unambiguous. Every effort, it is urged, must be made to prevent "this unutterable crime, hitherto unheard of in our midst, from ever taking root in this land." This statement has a satisfactory note of decision which contrasts strikingly with the ambiguous and compromising opinions of the Lambeth Conference on the same subject.

FATE OF OLD HORSES.

Irish people never tire of boasting about their affection for horses. It is surprising therefore to learn that Ireland is disfigured by a trutal and inhumane trade in the export of old horses for slaughter abroad. Attempts are being made to instruct public opinion on the subject, as it is only fair to say that most people are totally unaware of the existence of the evil. In an address at the Dublin Rotary Club this week it was stated that over five hundred horses have been exported to France this year for sausage meat, and that the animals are subjected to disgracefully cruel conditions during transport and on landing. A demand is being made for legislation prohibiting the export of horses below a certain value or above a certain age. Such a prohibition would encourage the development of Irish slaughter-houses, which could be properly supervised and controlled. Every decent-minded person must give his support to this good cause.

THE JUST PRICE.

There has been taking place in the columns of the *Standard*, the leading Catholic weekly, an interesting discussion regarding the possibility of applying the "just price" in public contracts. The suggestion has been made that the principle followed by public bodies of accepting the lowest tender in all cases may lead to the survival of a type of predatory or cut-throat competition that is socially injurious, and it has been proposed that the mean or average tender should be accepted as being more likely to ensure that all the productive factors involved will be equitably remunerated. This proposal has been welcomed on the one hand by certain Catholic students of economics who regard with favour the attempt to reintroduce ethical standards into economic dealings, and, on the other hand, by many business men who have failed to secure contracts owing to the undercutting of their competitors.

It is by no means certain, however, that the adoption of the suggestion would secure any greater justice between parties than is attained by the existing practice. If it could be proved that low tenders were made possible by the employment of sweated labour or by the exploitation of the providers of raw materials, there would be much to be said for their rejection in favour of higher tenders. In fact, of course, all contractors have to purchase their labour and raw materials in the same market. The same rate of wages must be paid by all employers engaged in the same trade, and the market for the raw materials of industry is in no sense one-sided or exploitative. In these circumstances, the offer of a low tender indicates either that the tenderer is in a position to execute the work with exceptional efficiency or that he is content with a very low rate of profit. Neither of these alternative explanations involves any element of injustice, and there is no reason to think that the interests of equity would be advanced by substituting a system which would favour less efficient or more greedy contractors, while penalising the payers of rates and taxes—whose claims to just treatment must not be overlooked.

OUR PARIS LETTER

FRANCE AND GERMAN ELECTIONS.

A NASTY JAR.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

School holidays in France, unlike England, do not end until the first Monday in October. Parisians, however, in their great mass—or, at any rate, the male part of them—are now already back from the country, and the capital, having shed most of its summer tourists, is beginning to look itself again. Theatres that have been closed are tearing down the notice of "Relâche" from their doors and putting up playbills instead, while the return of M. Tardieu from Vittel, where he has been doing a cure, has reawakened political activity. The reassembly of Parliament is still more than a month away, but already questions of personalities are being discussed.

What, for instance, will be the situation of M. Briand in view of the capital that his opponents are making out of the results of the German elections? Will this autumn perhaps see the reappearance in Parliamentary life of M. Poincaré, who, to judge from his frequent Sunday speeches and regular contributions to the Press, appears once more to be full of activity? For the moment, however, it is Germany and Hitler that are preoccupying public opinion, for every happening across the Rhine is so carefully scrutinised in France that the Elections, and all to do with them, have been followed here almost as closely as though they had been within France's own borders.

Generally speaking, Sunday's results have come as a very disagreeable shock. It is all very well for newspapers, wise after the event, to say that what has taken place in Germany since the evacuation of the Rhineland was a sure sign of what was coming. A large increase in National Socialist votes was certainly expected, but nobody foresaw a triumph of anything like the magnitude that Hitler has achieved. Now there is a general questioning: "How does Europe stand in consequence?"—underlying which is the second query: "What in particular will be the effect upon France?"

"BRIAND MUST GO."

To this latter question the answer varies according to the political complexion of the person concerned. Those who believe that a peaceful future for Europe is bound up with some reasonable understanding between France and Germany have suffered a bitter blow. They would like to believe that continuation of the policy of rapprochement might be possible, but they realise that it has had a very severe setback. By the Nationalist Press the bankruptcy of the Briand-Stresemann policy is declared to have been proclaimed so brutally that they immediately draw a tangible conclusion from it. Briand must go, say his adversaries, to whom the General Elections have thus brought fresh ammunition for the campaign already in full swing against him over his scheme for a European Federation. But even moderate opinion is deeply disquieted, and will certainly watch most vigilantly further developments in Germany. Out of the lukewarm Republicanism of the Reich has sprung, it is felt, a new thing—Hitlerism, with its seemingly fantastic programme supported by over 6,000,000 Germans.

The unknown quantity that this implies, combined with its known demand for revision of the Treaty and the Young Plan, cannot fail to cause a check in any move towards a Franco-German rapprochement, and to stiffen perceptibly the attitude of suspicion and reserve towards the Reich, which, as I pointed out a few weeks ago, had already, as the result of the speeches during the electoral campaign, taken the place of the friendly atmosphere that prevailed before the evacuation of the Rhineland. For whether or no some German Government excluding the "Nazis" be formed, French public opinion is hardly likely to let its Foreign Minister forget that 6,000,000 Germans have voted for a party that openly proposes to overthrow the existing settlement of Europe.

A PUBLISHING "STUNT."

A short while ago a wag, evidently hoping to kill by ridicule the ever-growing fashion for literary prizes in France, proposed giving a reward for the worst piece of literature published during the year. A book that has just come into my hands seems to indicate that in another direction an effort of a more serious kind is being made to check this abuse of what has been called "personality mongering" in literature. For the primary effect of the literary prize is to give to the author who has gained one a market for his future books, quite irrespective of their intrinsic merits. "U.S.A., With Music" has in itself nothing to do with literary prizes. It is a scathing satire on American life of to-day, and especially upon the admiration bestowed in the States upon the man who has the "sales punch" summed up in the catch-phrase, "He would sell you snow shoes in hell."

The unusual feature is that the book bears no author's name, nor even a pseudonym. It is in fact the first effort in a campaign initiated by an enterprising new American publisher in Paris, who hopes to induce the public to buy—and the critic to judge—books for what they are, and not for the name of their authors. The theory is that nowadays the artist of every kind is crushed under the weight of the business man, and that he consequently seeks to produce what he can sell rather than to sell what he can produce. A crusade of this kind is a bold venture in these days of self-advertisement. For it implies not merely a struggle against a deep-rooted habit of mind on the public's part, but an appeal to the writer to throw off his natural vanity, and to put aside all hopes of being known to the world as the author of such-and-such an epoch-making book. It will be all the more interesting to watch how this attempt to divorce in the public mind the artist from his work will succeed.

GERMAN ELECTION RESULTS.

By WICKHAM STEED.

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pact drawn up for the acceptance of twenty-seven States. On the contrary, there is a growing disposition to look upon the short speech made by Herr Schober, the Austrian Chancellor, in the Assembly at the end of last week as containing the germ of a practical solution of the problem. Arguing that search for a general pact would take too long and that Austria cannot afford to wait, he claimed that if new methods of economic agreement cannot be applied immediately to the whole of Europe they should be applied forthwith in countries which on account of the similarity of conditions and the vital need for mutual support urgently desire them. If groups of such countries were formed, the fusion of the various groups would presently become feasible. Several of Austria's neighbours, said Herr Schober, have recently decided to adopt a new policy. No political character should be ascribed to these decisions, but the economic plight of Central Europe calls for concerted action now.

The Austrian Chancellor spoke advisedly. He evidently knew his suggestion would be palatable to Czechoslovakia, Rumania, and Yugoslavia. On Tuesday Herr Curtius commended it on behalf of Germany, just as Count Apponyi had already blessed it in the name of Hungary. No surprise should be felt if developments not wholly devoid of political significance were to bear out Herr Schober's suggestion before the winter comes.

THE WAY TO HARMONY.

Soviet dumping may well have helped to ripen ideas long decried as counsels of perfection. Needs must when the devil drives. But behind the present tendency to co-ordinate the economic interests of the Central European group lies a clear perception in more than one quarter that economic co-operation ought to pave the way for political harmony. Like M. Briand's Federation idea, this harmony is probably unattainable by direct approach. Many a "hot spot" which political propaganda now inflames might cool off and cease to burn the fingers of peacemakers if the means of getting at facts with authoritative impartiality were found or created. To this end something like the Institute of Pacific Relations to which I alluded last week is so plainly needed that the proposal to set up an Institute of European Research, or to co-ordinate and adapt the existing unofficial research agencies for the same object, is steadily gaining ground.

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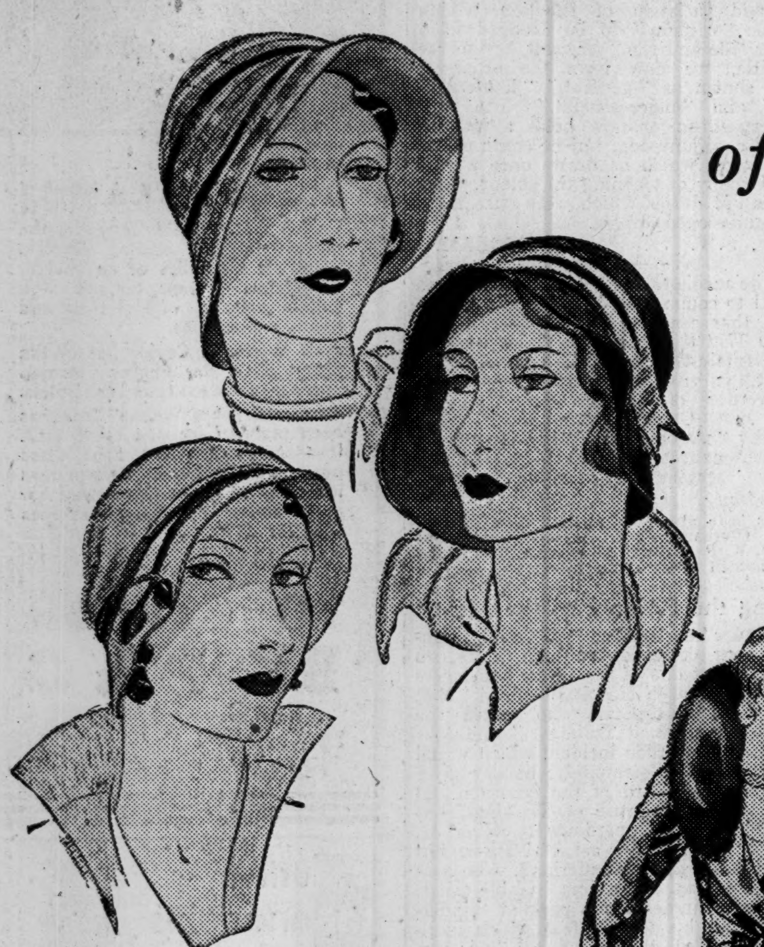

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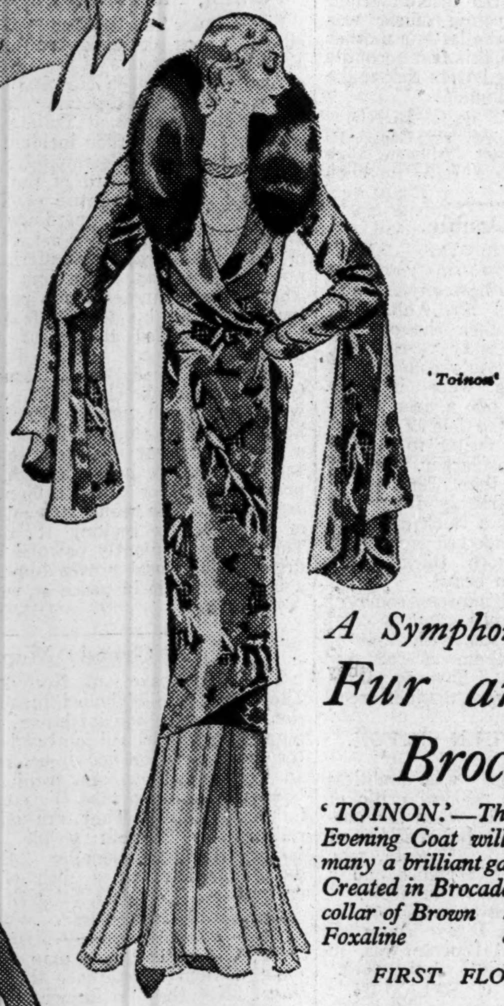

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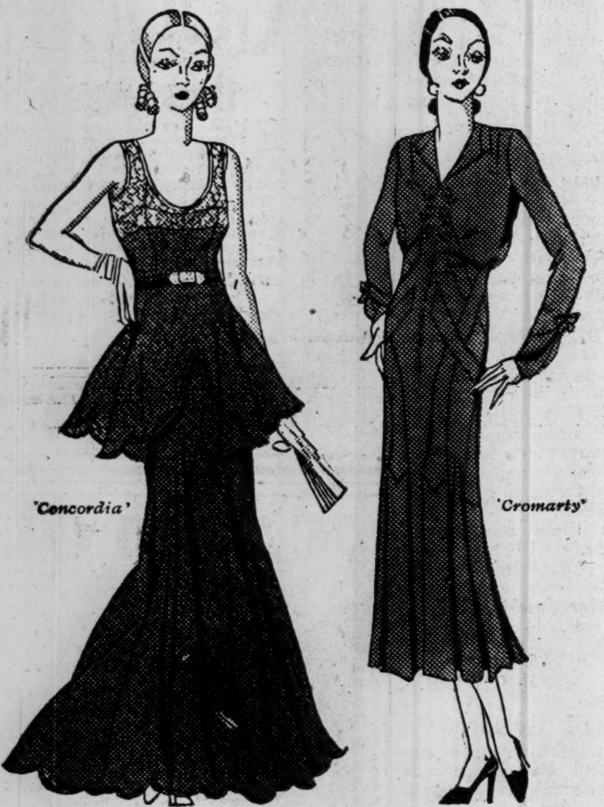

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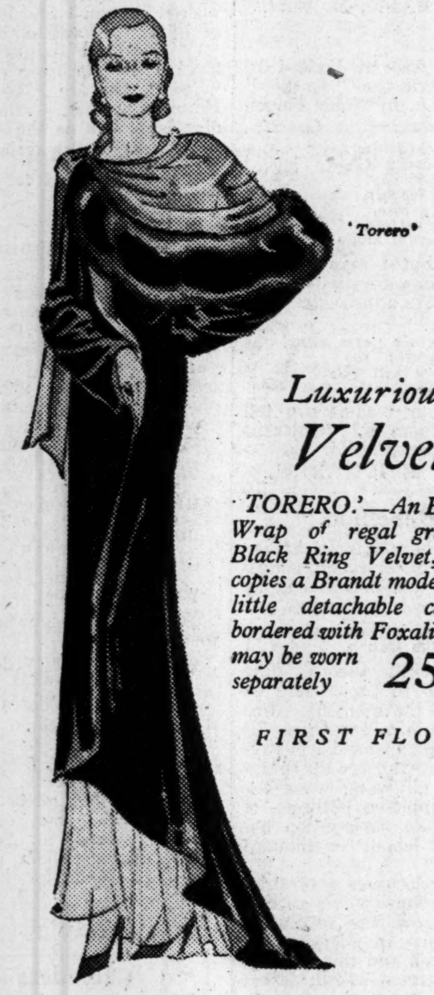

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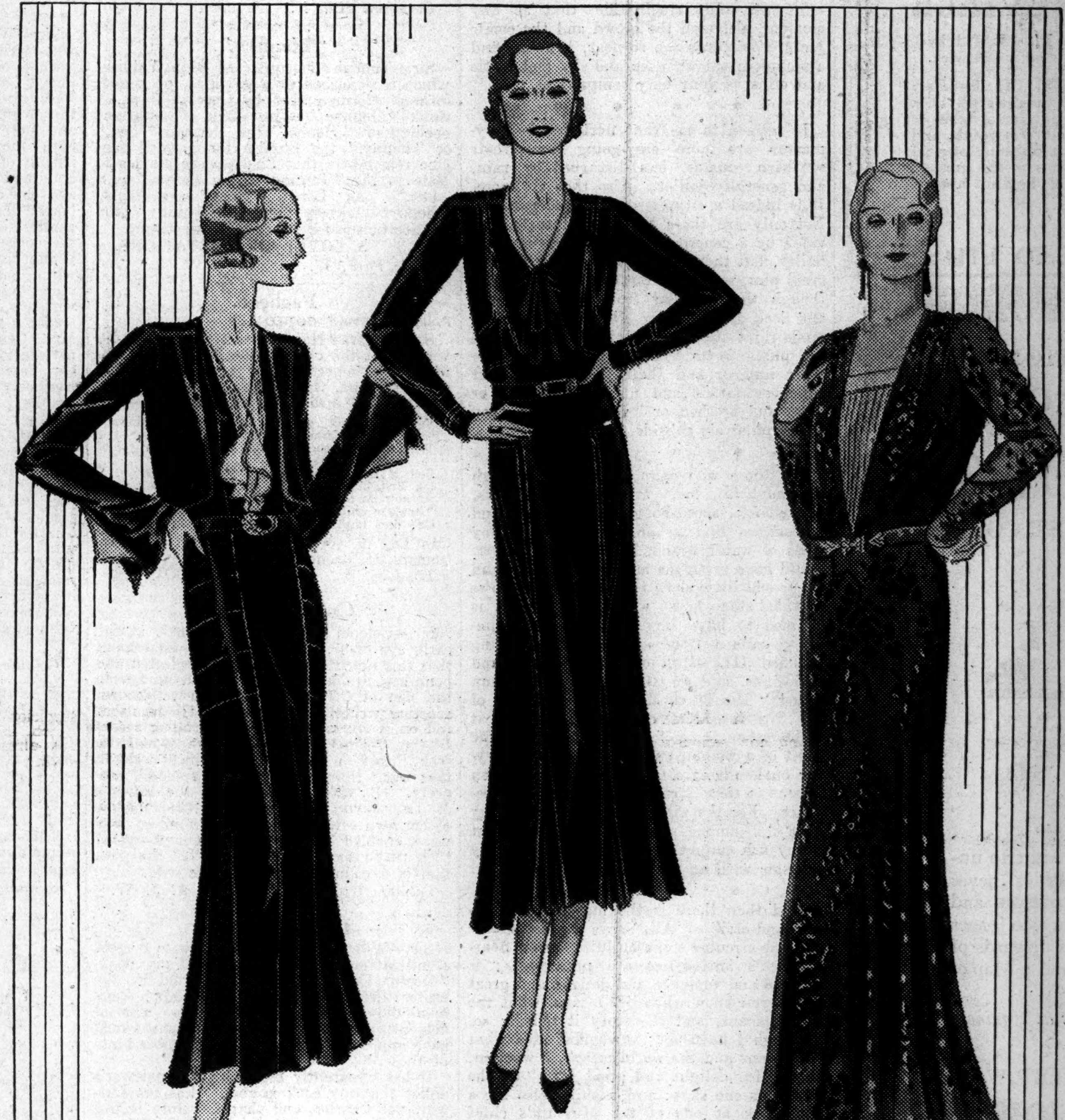

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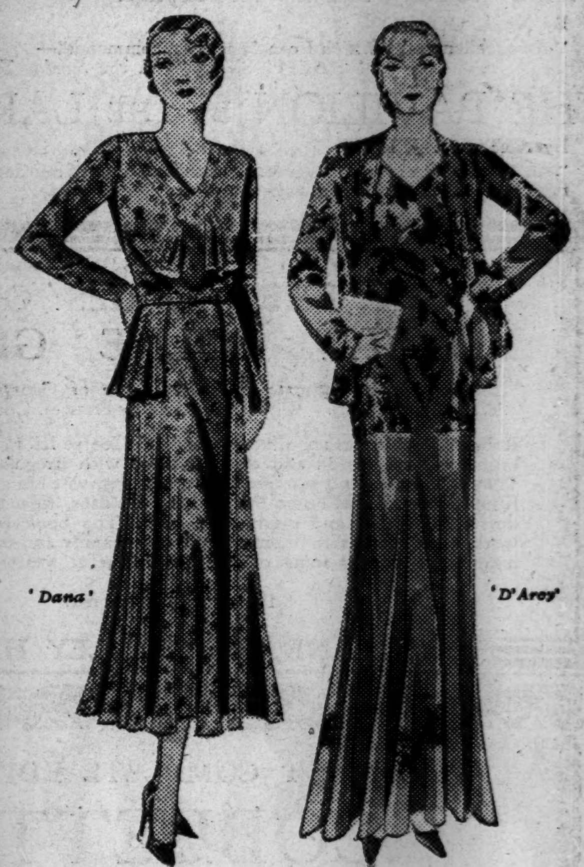

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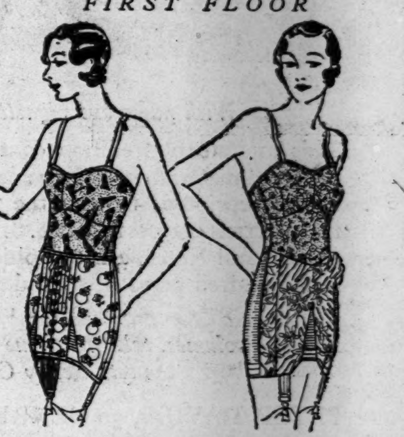

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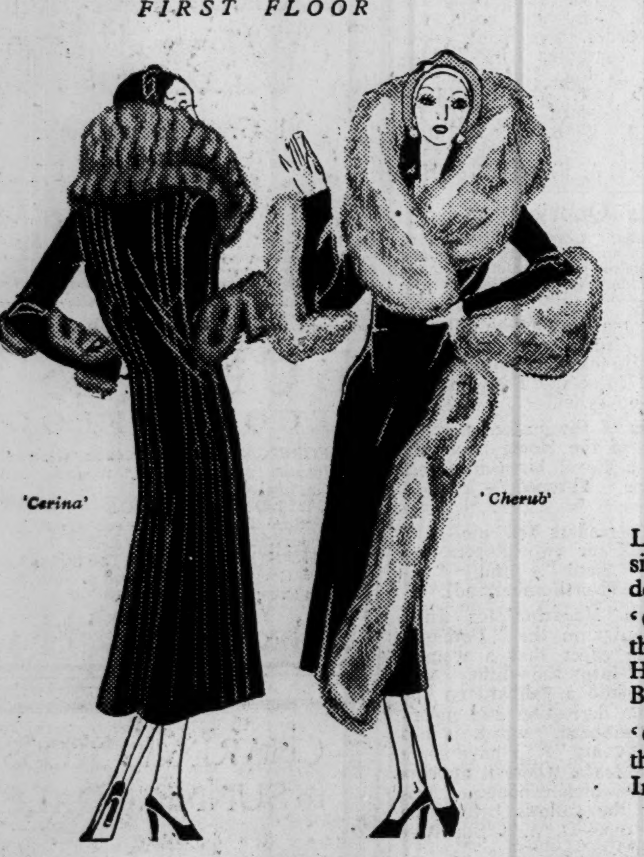

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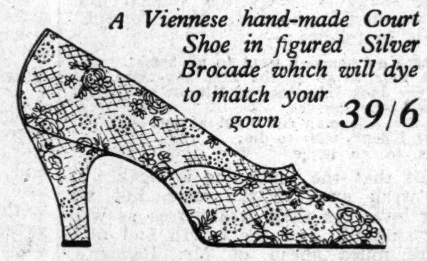

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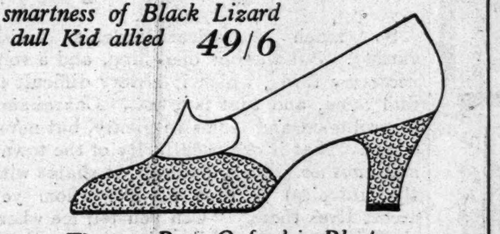

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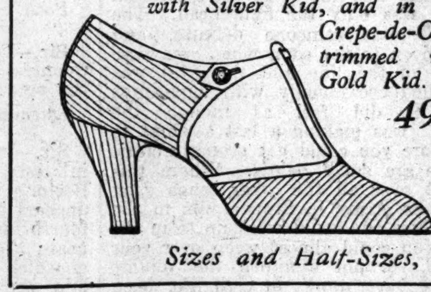

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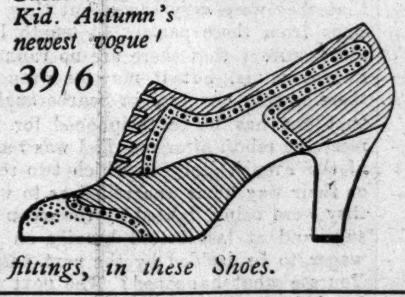

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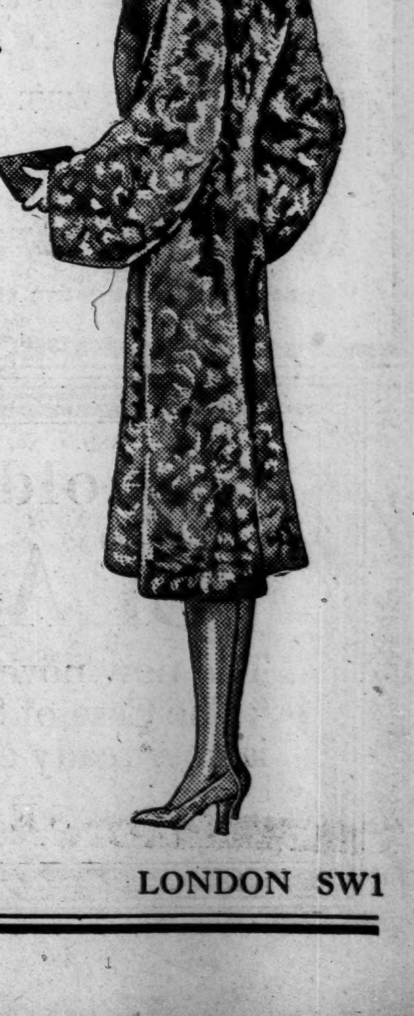

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A WANDERER'S NOTEBOOK.

SCARBOROUGH.

By E. V. LUCAS.

The older I grow, or, in other and perhaps sadder words, the fewer the days that are left to me, the more conscious I am of the number of interesting and beautiful places that there will be no time to visit.

For to admire an' for to see,
  For to be'old this world so wide—
It never done no good to me,
  But I can't drop it if I tried!

—so sang one of Mr. Kipling's soldiers; but with his voice I cannot unite mine, because to me it has done a power of good, and I don't want to drop it. I hope I shall never try. And every year this world grows bigger instead of smaller: that is the tragedy.

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These melancholy reflections were provoked not by the sudden realisation that it is unlikely that I shall now ever see the pagodas of Pekin, or the Great Pyramids at sunrise, or Valparaiso harbour, or Mount Everest from Darjeeling, or even old Heidelberg, but by a brief recent sojourn in Scarborough, because, once there and for the first time, it seemed so absurd not to have been there before, with that pearl grey sea to soothe the eyes and Yorkshire heartiness all about. "Why on earth," I kept asking myself, "have I not known about this pleasant spot till now? Till so late? Almost too late?" Not that watering-places are exactly dear to me; in fact, I avoid them; but Scarborough's Town Council has arranged the place with so much intelligence and imagination that at any moment, although the crowd and the comic picture-postcards are so near, you can find a secluded seat with sea and sky and castle and cliffs as your only companions.

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It seemed to me that northern holiday-makers are more easy-going than their southern cousins, less disturbed by rain, and generally jollier. Also they sit more. It is indeed a city of seats and of gardens. Not only are there the myriad seats provided by a generous and solicitous municipality, but there are seats on every private grass plot, seats in front of the hotels, even though they are far from the esplanade, and deck chairs fit for King Canute on the sands right at the water's edge. But it was the public seats that most impressed me, their number and their position, so that wherever father and mother may be, or sister and brother, or lover and lover, they can impulsively subside.

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For those who cannot rest, Scarborough is thoughtful, too. It has skating rinks, motor-boats, speed-boats, sailing-boats, and its famous Spa (where I drank a penny glass of water which, had it been nastier, would have given me more confidence); and it has odd little show places as well, such as a gabled stone house where Richard III. is claimed to have stayed—a leaflet scrupulously calls it "the late residence of King Richard III."—full of old furniture and curiosities, and an ancient smuggling inn called "The Three Mariners," also full of old furniture and curiosities, where, at night, when it is closed to the public, the ghost of a woman parades the rooms carrying on her head a cottage loaf. The Open Sesame to these strange collections is threepence. For the same sum I saw, as he lay on a slab among powdered ice, the largest tunny fish caught in these waters: a slimy monster with an eye to avoid.

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And then there is the museum, authorised and civic. "All," says a placard outside the circular stone building where Scarborough's antiquities are preserved, "is miracle and romance and delight and great joy if you know what life means, what the world means, and the story it tells"; so, although I have not the vaguest idea what life means and the world means, I went in, hoping for delight and great joy, "on the side," as one says; and wishing also for a good look at one of the Museum's chief treasures, an ancient Briton at least three thousand five hundred years old. There he was, or at least his skeleton, carefully laid out, with his tree-trunk coffin beneath him, a figure of no little dignity even in decay. A neighbouring squire dug him up not long after the museum was built, nearly a century ago, and he has been its trump card ever since. Many are the skeletons I have seen, ranging from the scientific specimens in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons to those piteous relics of humanity ranged round the walls of the crypt beneath St. Michel in Bordeaux, but never before have I noticed a phrenologist's chart indicating the character of the deceased. That is a curious novelty. It struck me as a rather grim piece of irony to record that, in his prime, three thousand five hundred years ago, the owner of these bones had combativeness very large, destructiveness ditto, wit large (alas, poor Yorick!), and self-esteem fully developed. Where is that self-esteem to-day? For the rest, the Scarborough Museum follows the usual lines, although its Roman pottery excavated from the Castle is perhaps finer than most, and for geographical reasons not every town can assemble pieces of shells fired at it by German battleships during the War. Nor have all curators the pretty thought of varying British urns, spear-heads, and all the inevitable dryasdust stock-in-trade of such places with a rack of specimen tubes in which the tender blossoms and ferns of the district flourish their brief day.

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So much for Scarborough's lavish variety. But there is one thing, and a very necessary thing, which it is very difficult to find there, and that is a taxi. Charabancs in profusion and trams in plenty, but never a taxi. That is one peculiarity of the town; and another (which, however, it shares with the universe) is that no one whom you accost lives there. "Can you tell me where there is a taxi rank?" I inquired pathetically of this man and that; and all replied that they were very sorry, but they didn't come from these parts. At length I made the discovery that there are no ranks. My impression is, but it may be wrong, that there is only one taxi in Scarborough, and that one has to be telephoned for. Thus receiving rebuff after rebuff, I was reminded of the French story in which two revellers on their way home quarrelled as to whether they were being lighted by the moon or the sun, and at last betted heavily on it, the wager to be decided by the next passer-by. You see what happened? The next passer-by, held up by the question "Is that the sun or the moon?" made the inevitable reply. He was very sorry but he was a stranger in those parts.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Swinburne and Watts-Dunton.

Sir,—I have looked into my copy of Sir Edmund Gosse's "Life of Swinburne," and I can verify the statement made by Mr. H. F. Andorsen in his letter in your last issue that it was Mr. George Moore who, when he went to call on Swinburne—the only time he ever saw him—was so frightened by the strange sight that met his gaze as he opened the bedroom door that he fled downstairs and jumped into a hansom.

LIEBE MACLEOD.
Redcliffe Gardens, S.W.

A Station Concert.

Sir,—I should like to express thanks to the writer of the humorous description of a station concert in Southern India appearing in your last issue.

I have enjoyed half an hour's heartiest laughter after a crowded week of bereavement, sadness, and depression.

I can picture it all!

Ealing, W. A. D.

Bath Stone.

Sir,—Your correspondent Mr. Walter Belcher is also in error when he states that Bridgwater is the only place where bath-bricks are manufactured. They are manufactured in the colliery village of Boldon in County Durham, and from these works they are exported to various parts of Europe.

Dublin. R. K. V. WHITE.

Tiptoe.

Sir,—Taylor is without a clue for Tiptoe as a place-name. An opening for origin as a surname may be found in Baring-Gould's names on Battle Abbey Roll, where occurs "Tipitot," from Thiboutot in the Pays de Caux—corrupted to "Tiptoft." The name is not found in England until 1165. Then Weekly, with "Tipstaff" as well, mentions "Tiptoft"—surviving as "Tiptod"; and Barber, on the same lines as Baring-Gould, gives "Tiptod"—as from Tibtote, Battle Abbey Roll. WILLIAM R. POWER.

Stamford Hill, N.

"Hennye."

Sir,—Though unacquainted with Yiddish, which is described as a modified, or mixed, form of German used by German Jews, I think "Hennye" is just their often-variant spelling of "Henne," the German "hen," or "henny," the English for a small hen. One remembers that Shakespeare alludes to Kate in his "Taming of the Shrew" as a "hen." As Lord Wyfold says truly, "hennye" closely resembles "hinny," the old Scotticism for "honey," sweetheart.

A LOVER OF QUOTATIONS.
Hyde Park, W.

Pacheco.

From SIR EVAN COTTON.

Sir,—Warren Hastings wrote the following verses "at the close of the Prophecy of the fate of Pacheco, who, after performing signal services, was confined, tried, spent his fortune, and died in an almshouse":—

Yet shrink not, gallant Luccan, nor repine
That man's eternal destiny is thine.
Where e'er success the adventurous chief befriends,
Fell Malice on his parting steps attends;
On Britain's candidates for fame await
As now on thee, the harsh decrees of Fate.
Thus are ambition's fondest hopes o'er reach'd,
One dies imprison'd, and one lives impeach'd.

Can any of your readers supply any particulars of Pacheco?

London, W. EVAN COTTON.

Colonel Mellish.

Sir,—Colonel Mellish died in 1817, at the early age of 37. Referring to the statement that this noted sportsman died neglected and penniless, we have a different account from the pen of "Thormanby," the well-known sporting writer and authority. He says that following the sale of the ancestral estate of Blythe, Colonel Mellish went to live at Hodsock Priory, a small farm, which was all that was left to him out of his splendid property. His wife, a daughter of the Marquis of Lansdowne, had a comfortable income of her own settled upon herself, and so they were enabled to live in the enjoyment of such rustic amusements as befitted the position of a country squire and his wife.

Palmers Green, N. A. J. W.

Doctor Darwin.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me to correct a misstatement in your notice of my book, "Doctor Darwin"? It is asserted by the writer that Charles Darwin's "Galton kinsmen did much to elucidate his lines of descent, and Mr. Hesketh Pearson would have improved his book by giving more hints of those."

It has apparently escaped your reviewer's notice that my book is about Erasmus Darwin, not Charles, and that therefore it was not my business to "elucidate" the latter's "lines of descent." Further, I should like to observe that, if your reviewer had read my book, he would know that there are no Galtons in Charles Darwin's "lines of descent"; so that, though I might have "improved" my book by tracing such imaginary lines, I should also have discredited it. HESKETH PEARSON.

Savage Club, W.C.

Hazlitt.

Sir,—I read with much interest Mr. H. C. Minchin's article headed "The Centenary of Hazlitt," and think the following extract may amuse him. It is part of a letter written to Sir Thomas Lawrence, P.R.A., by Joseph Farington on October 22, 1820, and refers to a review of the Diarist's "Memoir of Sir Joshua Reynolds":—

> My Dear Friend,—I conclude you have full reason to believe Hazlitt to be the author of the Review of my Memoirs [of Sir Joshua Reynolds], and from what I have seen of his literary productions I think it possible. It is likely that he has had much intercourse with artists, and from hearing many opinions he has accumulated matter for criticism. I thought the writer was such a person, an opinionated dabbler in metaphysics, and a slasher in every way, but *I saw that he was not an artist.* I confess I should have disliked his *personal abuse,* and not finding *that* I care not for the rest. I know I have written faithfully and conscientiously, and fear not criticism *confined to my authorship.*

Denmark Hill, S.E. JAMES GREIG.

"Soldiers' Songs."

Sir,—Mr. Geo. H. Rayner, writing in your issue of July 6, appears to me to be over-emphatic.

The "correct" version of any one of these war-time songs is surely the version that each of us sang for himself. My "correct" version is as follows:—

I want to go home—I want to go home!
I don't want to go up the Line any more,
Where the Jack Johnsons and Minnies all roar.
Take me over the sea,
Where the Alleyman can't get at me.
Oh my! I don't want to die;
I want to go home.

I admit that the third line is weak. It seemed weak even at the time, but we love our loves for their weaknesses as well as their strength, and the fourth and fifth lines are miles ahead of Mr. Rayner's. "Take" is much more definite and effective than "No, I want (to go over the sea)." And the Kaiser was not really one's personal enemy: he was only the figurehead. The "Alleyman" was someone definite, and point was given to the song when you were coming out of the line and the road was being searched occasionally with long-range shrapnel. It did feel as though the "Alleyman" was making a last attempt to get you before you could get properly clear.

But these are small points. Where this song had it over all the other songs sung by the British Army in France was in the plaintive bellow one could work up to in the last line. You could almost weep over your wrongs and yet not diminish the volume of sound. I have never, in civil life, been allowed to tell the world my sorrows in such magnificently resonant tones as we used to tell them in this song.

Weltevreden, Java. J. NETTLETON.

Bligh of H.M.S. Bounty.

From ADMIRAL PUREY-CUST.

Sir,—The Bligh who was wounded on board the Victory at Trafalgar was Lieutenant George Miller Bligh, son of Admiral Sir Richard Rodney Bligh.

Captain William ("Bounty" or "Breadfruit") Bligh was at that time Governor of New South Wales.

Highgate, N. H. E. PUREY-CUST.

Sir,—In the absence of more exact and authoritative information, this may assist your correspondent to identify the Lieutenant Bligh who is portrayed in the picture of the death of Lord Nelson.

William James, in "The Naval History of Great Britain," mentions Lieutenant George Miller Bligh in the list of the wounded on board H.M.S. Victory in the Battle of Trafalgar. Doubtless this is the Lieutenant Bligh of the picture.

As for his connection with "Breadfruit Bligh," I think it is correct to say that the latter, Admiral William Bligh, and his wife had no children. Whether Admiral Bligh had brothers I cannot say. There was Vice-Admiral Richard Rodney Bligh, who in 1799 was serving as second in command in the West Indies. Possibly the Lieutenant Bligh of the Victory was a son of his.

Admiral William Bligh was a son of Francis Bligh, of Tintan St. Judy, Plymouth. From letters that have been preserved it appears that my grandfather, then lieutenant R.N., was offered a berth as lieutenant in H.M.S. Bounty when being commissioned for the breadfruit expedition in 1787. This he could not accept, and he had reason to consider himself fortunate in escaping the duty, for Bligh was a harsh disciplinarian. Bligh's interest in this young officer was derived from the fact that the latter's mother was Bligh's half-sister, and this fact accounts for the possession of family letters that make mention of "Breadfruit Bligh."

Clare, Suffolk. R. C. BOND.

[Replies have also been received from George H. Stephens (Cheltenham), Major William Bligh (Bovington Camp, Wareham), and Cecil Bligh Wall (Cavendish Place, W.).]

Tennyson's Double.

Sir,—With all respect to "A. L. W.," who writes on this subject in your last issue, I cannot understand how anyone who knew Lord Tennyson and Mr. Aubrey de Vere can ever have mistaken the one for the other. Although it is sixty years since, and more also, I have a vivid recollection of both men's faces. Both were intimate friends of my father—the one a near neighbour and close friend in the Isle of Wight, and the other a frequent visitor to my old home. De Vere's face was larger, rounder, gentler, and less rugged than Tennyson's; his complexion was remarkably fresh and young, and was capped by a thick crown of white hair which overshadowed a pair of blue eyes. He also wore thick white whiskers, but, I think, no beard.

Many people must still possess some of Mrs. Cameron's photographs, and a comparison of that of Tennyson with that of De Vere will convince them of the dissimilarity of the two men. I have no photographs, but write from a very distinct recollection.

Eastbourne. STEPHEN SIMEON.

Sir,—Tennyson's "double" was doubtless Henry John Lincoln, the musical critic of the *Daily News* from 1866—when he succeeded George Hogarth, the father-in-law of Charles Dickens—until 1886. Lincoln, who was born in 1814, was an organist and a prolific lecturer on musical subjects. I remember well the thoughtful aspect of his bearded face, and though I saw Tennyson only once, I am sure that Lincoln was, in Irish jargon, the "dead spit" of the poet.

MALCOLM C. SALAMAN.
Colville Gardens, W.

The "Feather" Song.

From REAR-ADMIRAL HORNIMAN.

Sir,—The following four lines of an old song have remained in my memory:—

I'll beat you with a feather,
  I'll stab you with a rose,
I'll shoot at you with peppermints,
  And I'll give you dreadful blows.

The song was, I think, a popular pantomime number, certainly well over forty years ago. HENRY HORNIMAN, P.R. Adml.

Sunninghill.

Sir,—It was when I was at Oxford in 1873 or 1874 that I heard the "feather" song. It was sung, I think, by Nellie Farren or "Miss Amalia," and was:—

Au revoir, Ta-ta, I heard him say,
  To the Lady Cranbourn Alley
When wishing her good day.
  I'll strike you with a feather,
    I'll stab you with a rose,
  I'll shoot at you with wafers,
    And I'll give you awful blows

Very silly, no doubt, but I fear we used to enjoy silly things in those days when sung by our favourites. I always appreciate those lines:—

When Time that steals our years away,
  Shall steal our pleasures, too
The memory of the past will stay,
  And half our joys renew.

I wonder if any of your readers can tell me who the author of them is? I learnt them from my father when a child.

Chippenham. E. R. PORTAL.

The Puritan Rebellion.

Sir,—The view that the Great Rebellion was due to the greed of the commercial classes may be summed up in the couplet of Oliver Goldsmith:—

The dog to gain some private ends,
Went mad, and bit the man.

A number of similar fantastic theories have been broached from time to time based on some mood or fashion of the moment. Just now the idea that economics furnishes the key of interpretation to all historical change is very popular, and those who see all things in Karl Marx, explain all wars, even the Great War, by the simple hypothesis of capitalistic greed. Such an explanation has the merit of saving the labour of thought and investigation.

There are two sets of documents of first-hand importance and of unimpeachable authority for the comprehension of the revolution of the seventeenth century; the letters and speeches of Oliver Cromwell and the writings of John Milton. A judgment which leaves them out of account is quite worthless.

Highbury Hill, N. A. S. TOMS.

Contemporary Portraits in Stained Glass.

Sir,—W. Kent will find a portrait in stained glass of Wilhelm II., ex-German Emperor, in a window in the church of St. Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park, W.

East Dulwich, S.E. W. B. KEMPLING.

Sir,—In the porch of All Saints, Clifton, there is a window with life-sized figures of Rev. R. W. Randall, first vicar of the church and afterwards Dean of Chichester, and also of Canon Newbolt, who died only last week. Both are wearing full Eucharistic vestments, which, I believe, occasioned some difficulty in getting plans of the window passed by the Chancellor of the Diocese, as at that time the use of the vestments was thought to be illegal.

Bath. E. M. TRAVERS.

Sir,—Portraits of the present Earl and Countess of Shaftesbury are in a window of the church at Wimborne St. Giles, Dorset.

Bournemouth. W. G. ROYAL-DAWSON.

Sir,—In Wren's church of such varied interests, St. Clement Danes, the present Rector's wife, Mrs. L. Pennington-Bickford, appears in two windows. She figures in the fourth lower window in the north aisle (beneath the Samuel Johnson one), the subject of which is the "Sanctification of Marriage," and shows her wedding in 1907, and as Magdalene in the next window, "I am The Life," where Christ is appearing to Magdalene. J. E. LAZARUS.

St. John's Wood Court, N.W.

"Captain-General."

Sir,—In the early days of the British standing army, when the sole duty of the officers was considered to be to lead the rank and file in wartime only, peace training was carried out by the sergeants. Over the sergeant was an officer known as the sergeant-major, who supervised the training, while training throughout the army was coordinated by the sergeant-major-general. The three senior ranks in those days were, therefore "captain-general," "lieutenant-general," and "sergeant-major-general."

Time and variation of function having caused the "captain" to be dropped from the senior title and the "sergeant" from the junior title, we now have the order of seniority shown as "general," "lieutenant-general," and "major-general." The regimental-sergeant-major now holds a warrant instead of a commission, but he continues to wear a sword, which he draws once a year at the ceremony of trooping the colour, when he carries out duties which were once those of a commissioned officer.

London, S.W. MARJORAM.

Sir,—The mediæval rank of captain-general was equal to commander-in-chief, and it persisted in that sense to the eighteenth century. In 1772 the Prince of Wales was appointed Captain-General of the Hon. Artillery Co. It still survives in one solitary instance: the Governor of Jamaica is "Captain-General and Commander-in-Chief." The reason why "major-general" is a lower rank than "lieutenant-general" is because it was originally "sergeant-major-general."

St. Andrews. H. A.

[Replies have also been received from Michael Wilkinson (Durham), J. A. Herbert (Gunterstone Road, W.), W. F G. Davis (Emsworth), and Major John C. Daniell (West Byfleet).]

"Nailing the Colours to the Mast."

Sir,—Under the heading "A Trafalgar Incident," your correspondent Mr. Markham Rose states that one of the officer pensioners of the old Greenwich Hospital claimed "that he was the midshipman who nailed the colours to the mast at Trafalgar," and asks if there is any recorded incident which would fit the situation. Fortunately, history gives a very accurate record of the occasion, but it was not at the Battle of Trafalgar, but at the Battle of Camperdown (October 11, 1797), and was not the act of Parker, but of Jack Crawford, of Sunderland, who was not a midshipman, but a very humble sailor. There is a monument in a park at Sunderland recording his feat—a feat which gloriously exemplified the spirit of "no surrender."

A special medal was struck by King George for Jack Crawford, which carried with it a small pension for life. He was lionised at the time, and was offered £100 a week to appear in a representation of his act at Vauxhall, but, although he was very poor, and rather a rapscallion, he refused, saying that "he would not disgrace the act of a sailor by making it into a show." Though he frequently pawned his medal for drink, this refusal proves him to have been a man of mettle in peace as well as in war.

Tynemouth. DIXON SCOTT.

A Greedy Map.

Sir,—Why leave out Norfolk dumplings? They are made of boiled bread, eaten with rich gravy from the latch-pan, i.e., the drippings from the basted joint of beef or mutton (or roast duck or goose) before the meat—an economical custom formerly in farmhouses in order to take the edge off hungry folk's appetites! They are still eaten and relished by Norfolk people, being much tastier than the smaller "Suffolk" suet dumplings fringing a dish of boiled beef or mutton. KATHERINE M. BUCK.

Buckhurst Hill, Essex.

Sir,—No gastronomic map would be complete without a reference to Norfolk dumplings. Not the "swimmers" made of suet that are sometimes served with boiled beef; but those delicacies made with yeast and served with duck or pork gravy. Only the people with the Norfolk touch can make dumplings with real success.

Mickleover. ELISABETH M. AYNE.

Sir,—I doubt if any Scot would be content with a gastronomic map in which Scotland was lumped with the N.E. counties as the place where the "real" scone comes from, as suggested in Mr. Strangeway's letter last week. Scotland can claim many special dishes, though I find it difficult to give some of them "a local habitation."

Of localised dainties there are Finnan haddies, Athole brose (made with honey and whisky), Dundee cakes, Abernethy biscuits, Edinburgh rock, Carluke balls, and a host of others, and as the old rhyme has it:

There's Carrick for a man,
Kyle for a coo,
And Kilmarnock for butter and cheese.

Bristol. HOUSEWIFE.

A Mnemonic of Reigns.

Sir,—You have been publishing correspondence on dog Latin and the Kings and Queens. The lines which follow appertain to both subjects. They give, in Latinised hexameters, the Kings and Queens and the years in which they came to the throne. I learnt them in 1892, and they remain obstinately stuck in my memory:—

WIL-CON-SAU RUF-KOI, HENR-AG.
STEPH-BIL ET HEN-SEC-BUF, RIC-BEIN,
  J-ANN, HE-TH-DAS ET ED-DOID,
ED-SE-TYP, ED TER-TES, RI-SE-TOIP. HE-FO-
  TOUN HE-FI-FADQUE,
HEN-SI-FED, ED-QUAR-FAUZ, E-FI-R-OKT,
  HEN-SEP-FEIL, HEN-OC-LYN,
ED-SEX-LOS, MARY-LUT, ELZ-LUK, JAM-
  SYD, CARO PRIM-SEL,
CAR-SEC-SOS JAM-SEIF, WIL-M-SEIK, AN-
  PYB, GEO PBO-PDOI-PAUZ-KEZ,
WIL-KIZ, VIC-TOI.

The last line might be revised and extended to read:—

WIL-FO-KIZ ET VIC-TOI, ED-SEP-NYB ET
  GEO-QUINT-NAZ.

The key to the dates is:—a or b = 1, e or d = 2, i or t = 3, o or f = 4, u or l = 5, au or s = 6, oi or p = 7, ei or k = 8, ou or n = 9, y or z = 0, g = 100. The date letters represent hundreds, tens, and units, the thousand which precedes them being taken for granted. For example, RUF-KOI:—"RUF" stands for William Rufus; k = 8, oi = 7; date (10)87. Or, E-FI-R-OKT:—"E-FI" stands for Edward V.; "R" for Richard III.; o = 4, k = 8, T = 3; date (1)483.

Eldon Road, N.W. A. R. MEREDITH.

Readers' Queries.

[The number of readers' queries that reach us is now so great that a small proportion only can be published, and we endeavour, therefore, to make a selection of those of most general interest.]

Can any of your readers supply information regarding W. Crouch and his water-colour drawings? He exhibited miniatures in London in 1774-1776 at the Free Society. —A. B. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).

What is the origin of the custom necessitating the presence of the Home Secretary on the occasion of a Royal birth in direct succession to the Throne?—V. L. Coombes (Brixton).

Can any of your readers tell me of a book on "Patience" for two players, including "Russian bank" and "kaboosh"?—A. G. A. (Northumberland).

In the *Hibernian Magazine* for July, 1787, there is an entry in the "Domestic Intelligence" to the effect that a woman who threw herself into the Liffey was rescued and "lifted into a gabbard on the river." What is the derivation and meaning of the word "gabbard," which is not in the "Oxford Dictionary"? I have come across it in other contexts, where it appears to mean the cart on which condemned prisoners stood under the gallows before the invention of the drop.—D. J. O'Sullivan (Foxrock, Co. Dublin).

Whence derives the custom of using the symbol IIII., in preference to IV., on clock faces?—C. M. B. (St. Albans).

Who was the author of the verses beginning?—

O Tyrnanoge, O land of childhood's gladness,
  Land of the clear blue hills and murmuring sea,
How often in the hour of doubt and sadness
  The wanderer's heart turns fondly back to thee.

—Lady Bois (Harrogate).

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EGYPT AND THE SIDKY CABINET.

EXTRAVAGANCE OF NAHAS PASHA.

THE PRESENT POSITION.

By **MAJOR E. W. POLSON NEWMAN.**

In order to appreciate the significance of forthcoming events in Egypt affecting the Constitution and the Electoral Law, it is necessary to know the actual facts of the development of the present position in that country.

When Nahas Pasha resigned, the reasons given were that he had failed to obtain the King's signature to certain draft Bills for the protection of the Constitution, whereas measures had also been submitted for the creation of a Court of Cassation giving full powers to the Minister of Justice to appoint judges practically for life, and for the appointment of a High Controller of Finance, with the right to control the Budget and to report to Parliament on the financial situation as a Minister immune from dismissal. In other words, Nahas aimed at securing the position of the Wafd in Parliament, and at ensuring that finance and justice should be permanently under Wafd control. The King, however, refused to sign on the grounds that the time available in the remainder of the session was inadequate for the consideration of such important questions, and suggested their postponement. It was further alleged that the failure of Nahas to conclude an Anglo-Egyptian settlement, together with the bad economic situation in Egypt, had contributed to his decision.

THE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

It now transpires that Nahas did not take the Treaty negotiations seriously, and only used them as a means of increasing his power in Egypt by posing as a patriot who had rejected the British conditions owing to the Sudan; and that he treated the economic situation lightly owing to the large reserve fund at his disposal. The economic crisis was due partly to world depression, partly to the fact that Nahas bought up £E13,000,000 worth of cotton at $2 over market price, when the cotton was not in the hands of the fellahin but under the control of speculators, and partly to the extravagance of his Government. While the fellahin sell their cotton in November and December, Nahas started buying in January and continued until June, thereby providing some of his supporters with a good opportunity of buying cheap and selling to the Government at a profit. As an example of Government extravagance, it is only necessary to mention that, in commemoration of Zaghlul, the Wafd purchased his village house of mud for £E8,000, his Cairo house for £E16,000, erected a tomb costing £E160,000, and built statues to his memory in Cairo and Alexandria costing £E80,000 in all. In this one piece of extravagance Nahas spent £E265,000 of Government funds (France only spent £16,000 to commemorate Marshal Foch), and urged municipal and district councils to erect statues in every town and village in Egypt, a request that met with little response.

The real reason for the resignation of Nahas was that he returned to Egypt on good terms with His Majesty's Government, with the impression prevailing that the conclusion of a Treaty was merely a matter of months, and he wanted to exploit this position with a view to obtaining the King's signature to his draft Bills by means of British intervention. The fact that he started his revolutionary movement immediately after the acceptance of his resignation proves that he did not want to resign. Indeed, he asked Parliament for a vote of confidence in order to make impossible the formation of a new constitutional Cabinet, and Parliament decided, with his permission, to send a deputation of senators and deputies to urge the King not to accept his resignation. The Executive Committee of the Wafd then decided that no other Wafdist should accept an invitation to form a new Cabinet, thereby compelling the King to fall back on Nahas if he wanted a Constitutional Cabinet with a majority. In these circumstances there was no other course open to the King than to form an extra-Parliamentary Cabinet.

CUTTING DOWN EXPENDITURE.

The King's success in forming the Sidky Cabinet came as a shock to Nahas and the Wafd, who expected the intervention of the High Commissioner. Sir Percy Loraine had, however, declared the neutrality of the British Government. The next shock came in the entire absence of any spontaneous movement against the new Government during its first week in office, which led to Nahas's tour of the provinces to arouse the feelings of the people. All deputies were sent out to start anti-Government movements in their constituencies and to arrange visits of Nahas for the delivery of violent speeches. Nahas's tour produced trouble in Zagazig, Bilbeis, Mansourah, and Tantah, ending with the riots in Alexandria; but in these disturbances, which were confined to the mob of the cities and towns, it was significant that the Egyptian masses took no part and that order was restored by Egyptian troops and police. Not only did the Sidky Government refrain from proclaiming martial law, but circumstances were such that it was found unnecessary to pass any emergency laws or to set up any special tribunals.

On assuming power, Sidky Pasha's first step was to grapple with the economic crisis and the results of the misguided cotton policy of his predecessor. Steps were immediately taken to stop all Government purchases of cotton, and to sell as much as possible of the vast quantities stored at Alexandria. A policy of national economy was at once instituted, which has already resulted in cutting £E8,000,000 out of the Budget without interfering with any projects of national importance. Irrigation, railway and road construction have not been curtailed, while the education, public health, housing and land projects, begun by Mahmoud Pasha and discontinued by the Wafd, have been resumed. Among the more important measures of the present Government are the facilities granted to the fellahin for borrowing money in connection with the cultivation of their crops, arrangements being made that they pay only four-fifths of their rents with a moratorium on the remaining fifth accepted by the banks and proprietors. Steps have also been taken to set up an agricultural bank, which will lend money at very low rates, 51 per cent. of the capital being put up by the Government and 49 per cent. by the banks in Egypt. Although credit for the inauguration of this last scheme is due to the Nahas Ministry, the details were worked out by the Permanent Economic Council, under the chairmanship of Sidky Pasha.

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

On the political side, the present Government has set itself out to strengthen the Administration, which had been seriously weakened during the Nahas régime by the interference of senators and deputies in the work of officials of the Central Administration and provinces, thereby incurrring much loss of prestige. Also, Sidky Pasha has clearly stated that, although a Constitutionalist, he will govern only with a Constitution representative of the people of Egypt, and that he will, therefore, have to make some changes in the Electoral Law, and in the Constitution itself, which will make it impossible in future for any party to have such control of the Chamber as to amount to a dictatorship. He maintains that Constitutional government without an Opposition is a farce, and that Egypt has never enjoyed Constitutional government in the true sense of the term since the Declaration of 1922. A Wafd Government without a strong Opposition is merely the dictatorship of an oligarchy, consisting of three or four men, and no one else has any say in the government of the country, not even members of the Wafd itself.

MEN, WOMEN, AND MEMORIES.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S CHARACTERISTICS—PROFESSOR HAROLD DIXON—MR. NOEL BAKER, M.P.

By ***ATTICUS.***

Mr. E. F. Benson, in his "Reminiscences," already familiar to readers of the SUNDAY TIMES, has a good deal to say about the once-famous "Baccarat Scandal," and he thinks that a letter which Queen Victoria wrote to his father, the Archbishop of Canterbury, "perhaps faintly reflects what she thought about it." Referring to the engagement, just then announced, of Prince Albert Victor to the Princess Mary, she wrote:—

> **May is a charming girl, with much sense and amiability, and very *unfrivolous*, so that I have every hope the young people will set an example of a steady, quiet life, which, alas! is not the fashion in these days.**

The allusion to the untoward happenings in the Law Courts earlier in the year is obvious.

THE QUEEN AND THE EDITOR.

Her Majesty did, in fact, take the affair a good deal to heart. King Edward VII., then Prince of Wales, never thought it necessary to apologise for, or explain away, the Tranby Croft episode, and doubtless felt that his future subjects would think none the worse of him for indulging in a little flutter at cards among his intimate friends. At the moment, however, there was an outcry of virtuous indignation from various quarters. One great London newspaper, after the close of Sir William Gordon Cumming's unfortunate libel suit, thought proper to administer a solemn rebuke to the Prince in the form of a highly censorious and unflattering leading article.

The editor ran the risk of giving offence at Buckingham Palace and Osborne; but he was presently reassured. A day or two later he received a letter from Sir Theodore Martin, one of Queen Victoria's closest and most trusted personal friends. The writer said that the Queen wished him to congratulate the newspaper on its forcible and outspoken remarks. She had read the article with satisfaction, and was so much impressed by it that she would be pleased to know the name of the writer. I heard of the contents of this letter, and of the Queen's attitude, some time afterwards from Sir Theodore Martin himself.

Queen Victoria, however, did not receive the desired information. The editor excused himself from obeying Her Majesty's commands owing to his punctilious regard for the (then jealously treasured) anonymity of the Press. I suspect the real reason was his disinclination to share the credit for his display of righteousness with an obscure leader-writer.

THE WHIRLIGIG.

A hundred years ago William Hazlitt died, poor, neglected, unknown, in his shabby lodgings in Soho. And this was all the "leading journal" of the day had to say about him:—

> **Mr. Hazlitt, the author of several well-known publications, died on Saturday.**

A hundred years later that paper, and many others, were printing column after column about Mr. Hazlitt's "publications"; and telling us that some of these were nearly as good as Lamb's and better than Montaigne's. A great literary monument is being reared to the author of "Winterslow." One more ill-requited genius compensated by a posthumous memorial!

"He asked for bread, and he received a stone."

But as Hazlitt, on his death-bed, said that he had passed a very happy life we need not spend too much pity over him.

SCIENCE, SOCIETY, AND LETTERS.

Professor Harold Dixon, who died suddenly at a railway station on Thursday, was a man of varied interests and activities. He was a great authority on gases and illuminants, and a distinguished teacher first at Oxford and afterwards at Manchester University, where he held the Chair of Chemistry for many years. He was a member of many Royal Commissions, and did valuable service in the War as a deputy-inspector of explosives and in other useful capacities. He combined with his genuine scientific learning a keen zest for the lighter aspects of life. At Oxford he was a good footballer, got his blue for the Association team, and he played cricket in the Christ Church eleven. As a young tutor at Balliol and Trinity (he held tutorships at both those adjacent seats of learning) he was reputed one of the best dancers in the University. He began his active career at an early age, and before he died, at nearly 80, he had become a link with a rather remote past. His first wife was the granddaughter of Admiral Beechey, the scientific sailor who accompanied Franklin on his Arctic expedition of 1818, and a great-granddaughter of Sir William Beechey, the painter, who first exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1775. She was a charming and attractive woman in middle-age, and must have been an extremely beautiful girl.

Dixon was a member of a literary family. His father was William Hepworth Dixon, a very popular writer of travel books, historical biographies, and novels, in the mid-Victorian period. His "Lives" of Admiral Blake and William Penn are still read, though his "Spiritual Wives," which made a sensation for a London season or two, is now, I suppose, forgotten.

One of his daughters is my friend, Miss Ella Hepworth Dixon, who tells some good stories about her father and his circle in her "As I Knew Them," a clever and lively volume of reminiscences published recently. It was at one of Hepworth Dixon's luncheon parties that the first Lord Lytton was asked whether he would like to live his life over again. "Yes I would," replied the great man; "and I'd be that good-looking butcher-boy out there, and make love to all the young servant-girls in the terrace."

AN ATHLETIC PACIFIST.

It seems that the person who entered Mr. Noel Baker's room at Geneva was just an ordinary criminal, and not, as was at first suggested, a Secret Service agent anxious to look at the honourable member's private papers. The burglar, if a professional, was not apparently an expert, though he showed some foresight in providing himself with a revolver. Mr. Baker even with an injured foot might prove an awkward opponent to tackle unarmed. This Labour M.P., who is also Professor of International Relations at London University, is by birth, training, and conviction, a man of peace; but not too peaceful to have some perilous service with ambulance units in the War, and to have gained the Italian medal for Military Valour. At Cambridge he was President of the University Athletic Club, and was, perhaps, even better known to the average undergraduate in that capacity than for his brilliant political speeches at the Union, of which society he was also President. I do not know whether there is any other undergraduate of recent years who has succeeded in combining both these distinctions with first-class honours in tripos and the Whewell scholarship.

THE CONFERENCE OF EMPIRE.

Mr. Baker may be expected to take some part, though perhaps an unobtrusive one, in the forthcoming Imperial Conference. He has written a book on the Judicial Status of the British Dominions in International Law. That, with cognate questions, will be raised in the Conference, which will be expected to deal seriously and exhaustively with the whole subject of "Dominion status." The matter has not been disposed of by the famous memorandum of the Imperial Conference of 1926, drafted by the late Earl of Balfour. This notable state-paper left several important points unsettled, including what is called (inaccurately) the "right" of secession. It is the view of some of the Dominion Governments, and, I believe, also of the Dominions office, that the entire constitutional situation stands in need of clearer definition—to be followed, perhaps, by a new Colonial Laws Validity Act and other legislation.

My note last week on the status of the Duke of York's little daughters seems to have been misunderstood by some readers, because of its rather awkward phrasing. I did not intend to imply that the Duke of Gloucester and Prince George would take precedence over their nieces in the order of succession. If the Prince of Wales should remain unmarried, and the Duke of York leave no male heir, the Throne would naturally pass in due course to the elder York Princess, though, strictly speaking, according to some student of the constitution, it should be shared between her and her sister. That is why I suggested that a new Act of Succession might be necessary in order to clear up any doubt on the subject.

"THE TOWN": MEN AND INTIMACIES

By ***"AUTOLYCUS."***

Probably the oldest of the King's personal friends is Canon Dalton, who attains a 91st anniversary this week. For some years Canon Dalton acted as tutor to His Majesty and the late Duke of Clarence, and he accompanied them on their first visit to the Oversea Dominions. The King has a great admiration and affection for his old tutor, consulted him constantly in regard to the education of his sons, and for many years has sent him personal invitations to all State functions in which he might be interested. For many years, too, the venerable Canon has always been among the guests at Balmoral. Dr. Hugh Dalton, M.P., the erudite Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is Canon Dalton's son.

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When he plays himself in as captain of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews this week the Duke of York will be maintaining a family connection with the headquarters of British golf which has endured for centuries. For, though it was left to William IV. to give the club its Royal prefix, there is little doubt that the Scottish Kings, and especially James VI. and I., took a fatherly interest in St. Andrews, and one of the Duke's recent predecessors in the captaincy was his brother, the Prince of Wales. When Edward VII., then Prince of Wales, accepted the office in 1863 he knew little or nothing about the great game, and the historic ceremony of the captain playing himself in by a drive off towards the Swilcan Burn had to be omitted. The Duke of York is much better qualified for the installation ceremony.

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The Marquis of Aberdeen's many friends in London hope to share in the celebration of his jubilee as Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, a happy event on which he has just been congratulated by the King. The initiative in arranging the little celebration —for it will be as modest as sincere—is likely to be taken by the Deputy-Lieutenants of the Scottish Royal County. They include the Marquis of Huntly, titular head of the Gordons and "Cock o' the North," and Lord Saltoun, whose forebear said, "Give me the writing of the ballads of a nation, and let who will make its laws." They were already Deputy-Lieutenants for Aberdeenshire, in which, of course, they had landed interests, when Lord Aberdeen was appointed Lord-Lieutenant. His commission, of which he was very proud as a young man, and of which he is still prouder to-day as an octogenarian, was signed by Queen Victoria, at Balmoral, on September 17, 1880.

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As a technical soldier the late Sir Louis Bols was instinct with common sense and clarity of thought. Well do I remember spending a morning with him near Looe, in the summer of 1915, watching the German guns at work, when Bols suddenly broke out: "We ought to have foreseen all this! I felt it coming; but alas! I was swept away by the doctrine of the short and sharp offensive. Even George Morris and 'Uncle' Harper could see no clearer than I! Why didn't we go deeper into what South Africa and Manchuria could teach? And now we shall pay the price for all our delusions! We've got years of this yet: and, even then, shall we ever come to a satisfactory conclusion?"

As a staff officer his attitude may best be described from a conversation I held with him not so many weeks ago. Discussing the responsibility for the Palestinian strategy, he said:—"It was Allenby's conception alone. I had nothing to do with it but to elaborate his plans. Then, once Allenby had made up his mind to dare, there was nothing left for us but to support him." And then he closed his eyes and pursed his lips—a motion of true admiration.

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Although the collecting of autographs has gone out of fashion, it was a charming idea to present to Monsieur Serge Lifar a specially bound and inscribed blue leather book containing the signatures of all those who came to the private view of the exhibition of his collection of modern pictures at Tooth's Galleries in New Bond Street. Many people, not content with inscribing their names on the stiff, board-like pages, added all sorts of amusing comments and messages of admiration for M. Lifar's art as a dancer. Memories of Diaghileff are, of course, aroused by almost every one of the seventy-odd pictures and sketches shown, and few who visit this exhibition will leave without echoing the tributes paid to the memory of the great impresario by Mr. Osbert and Mr. Sacheverell Sitwell, who join with their sister in writing prefaces to the catalogue. Sir Austen and Lady Chamberlain, with whom was their fair daughter Diane, lingered long over the very amusing "Portrait of a Poet," by Marie Laurencin; Lady Eleanor and Lady Pamela Smith were together and others I noticed were Lady Juliet Duff, Mr. Constant Lambert, the young composer, hatless, as usual; Lady Berkeley, Mr. Anton Dolin, and Mr. Harry Melville, who is known as the last of the bucks, and who recently had an excellent portrait painted by Mr. Adrian Daintrey, leaning on a tall cabinet in a characteristic attitude.

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This week brings a 43rd anniversary to the Marquess of Linlithgow, who succeeded to the title in 1908, and has taken an active part in political life, being Civil Lord of the Admiralty in the first Baldwin Government and Deputy-Chairman of the Unionist Party Organisation from 1923 till 1926. The Marquess's family name is Hope—a fact which led to an amusing incident at his coming-of-age celebrations. The proceedings began with a special service in the parish kirk, at which, of course, there was present a host of bearers of the name. There was an awkward moment when the minister opened his discourse with "My brethren, the world, as we know, is full of blasted hopes. . . ."

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The breaking of a bottle of champagne in the Charing Cross Road in the middle of a very wet afternoon; an all-pervading smell of the heaviest possible incense; rows of different coloured lights popping on and off like policemen's bullseyes; a tall, Italian stone vase filled with great branches of Madonna lilies and standing on a cocktail bar, are a few of the impressions I carried away from the opening of the Phœnix Theatre last week. Whether or not one likes the rather ornate Italian renaissance style, which is faithfully adhered to throughout the building from ashtrays to doorknobs, one can but admire the spirit of young Mr. Sidney L. Bernstein, who told me that years ago he made up his mind to build an Italian Renaissance theatre almost exactly like this one, and now sees the realisation of his dream.

SPORT OR WORK?

DOMINATING PASSION.

OUR UNDERLYING NEED.

By **HAROLD COX.**

The development of the passion for sport in England during the last few years has become almost phenomenal. The general public now takes so much interest in sport of every kind—cricket, football, horse racing, yachting, etc.—that many newspapers make the sporting event of the day the principal feature of their daily issue. Also serious articles appear in many papers on the general conditions of sport, and, latterly, in several of these a tone of despondency has been taken because of England's failure to gain supremacy. As regards the public itself, immense crowds gather to watch matches of every kind, and some people will even sit up all night to get into the front rank of spectators. Many of these enthusiasts go to considerable expense to visit a match, and it is fairly well known that some men who are drawing unemployed pay will use the money thus acquired to travel many miles to see a football match or whippet race. If this were happening at a time when our industries were enjoying prosperity it would be a matter for general congratulations. We do not come into the world only to work. Healthy-minded people want to spend part of their lives in playing, and those who have not convenient opportunities for playing themselves are fully justified in watching the sports of others.

INDUSTRY FIRST.

The serious question is whether the present passion for sport in England is justified under existing economic conditions. Notoriously many of our most important industries are doing very badly, and as a result large numbers of people are unable to find work. The weekly official figures, putting the number of unemployed at well over two millions, may be somewhat exaggerated, for the dole can now be obtained on such easy terms that a considerable number of men prefer to accept the dole rather than to seek work. Nevertheless, the volume of real unemployment remains extremely large, though we have to remember it has been larger still in some previous years. The question is whether, when industries are doing so badly, it is justifiable for such a large section of the population to spend so much money as they are now doing on sport.

From one point of view it may be argued that this expenditure itself helps to relieve unemployment, for much of modern sport is carried on by professional players, and the crowds that travel to and from the sporting areas provide employment for the railways and motor-buses. But this does not carry us very far. The important point for England is to recover the prosperity of her export trades, because it is on their success that we finally depend. If we cease to be able to command markets for our goods in countries abroad, we shall lose the power of purchasing the food that must come to us from overseas in order to keep our people alive. Therefore the first point on which we ought to concentrate our efforts to-day is the winning back of the markets abroad that we are now losing to foreign competitors.

DEPRESSION IN LANCASHIRE.

The most important of our manufacturing industries is the cotton industry, and notoriously that is suffering seriously. In his very interesting speech last week to the Calico Printers' Association, Mr. L. B. Lee pointed out how gravely that concern was suffering from the competition of cheap foreign labour, especially the competition of Japan in the Indian market. Our difficulties were attributed by Mr. Lee, as they have been by many other industrial leaders, partly to the enormous burden of taxation in this country; but he also came to the conclusion that if we are successfully to fight cheap labour abroad all classes of workers must be willing to accept lower payment and to work longer hours.

To some extent this is a new feature in our English industrial problems. Hitherto we have been able to maintain a higher standard of wages and of living generally than most of the countries competing with us because the organisation of our industry has been superior. As is well known, England led the world in the utilisation of machinery for the purposes of production, and the start we gained in the eighteenth century has been maintained up till within recent years. It is interesting to quote a statement by Charles Babbage in his book, written just a century ago, "On the Economy of Machinery and Manufactures." His first chapter opens with the sentence: "There exists perhaps no single circumstance which distinguishes our country more remarkably from all others than the vast extent and perfection to which we have carried the contrivance of tools and machines." He goes on to point out as an example of our success that, in the East Indies, "where the price of labour is *one-seventh* of that in England," the market for cotton cloth is supplied from British looms:—"The cotton of India is conveyed by British ships round half our planet, to be woven by British skill in the factories of Lancashire; it is again set in motion by British capital, and transported to the very plains whereon it grew."

JAPANESE COMPETITION.

That was a hundred years ago. To-day every country can buy the most up-to-date machinery, and the products of Japanese looms are now ousting those of British looms in the Indian market. According to Mr. Lee, the wages of a four-loom weaver in Japan are 13s. 6d., in England 36s. 10d. per week. The latter figure seems miserably low for any British workman, and it is certainly understandable that the trade unions concerned should aim at getting a higher rather than a lower wage. But the practical question is whether it can be done; whether Lancashire weavers can afford to go on insisting even on so small a wage as 36s. 10d. when the Japanese weaver is willing to take 13s. 6d. Tariffs cannot help us in this matter, for it is with overseas markets, not with the home market, that our cotton industry is mainly concerned, and the same consideration applies to our coal industry. In both these industries, and in others also, the question of wages may have to be tackled; but before approaching it let us at any rate get rid of the artificial burden that has been imposed upon our industries in the past few years in the shape of heavy taxation.

If we cannot reduce our costs of production we must be content to witness the passing of a large part of our export industries to countries with a relatively low standard of living. In view of this unpleasant prospect, surely it is desirable that as a nation we should give rather less attention to promoting sport, and more to improving our efficiency in industry. If we are to retain even part of the industrial supremacy that we held for so many decades, we must pull ourselves together and improve our industries, even if necessary at the cost of some personal sacrifice.

"Memoirs of a Fox-Hunting Man," with its gracious picture of a phase of country life which now, alas, belongs to the past, has been succeeded by "Memoirs of an Infantry Officer," which is reviewed on another page, and those who enjoyed the sensitive writing of the first book will look forward to following the adventures of the hero in its sequel. Actually, of course, the author first became known for his war poems; after their bitter irony and indignation the "Foxhunter" was the most unexpected of books. Mr. Sassoon's own record of courage in the war and his reputation for generosity towards old army comrades less fortunate than himself sharpen the interest of his new chronicle.

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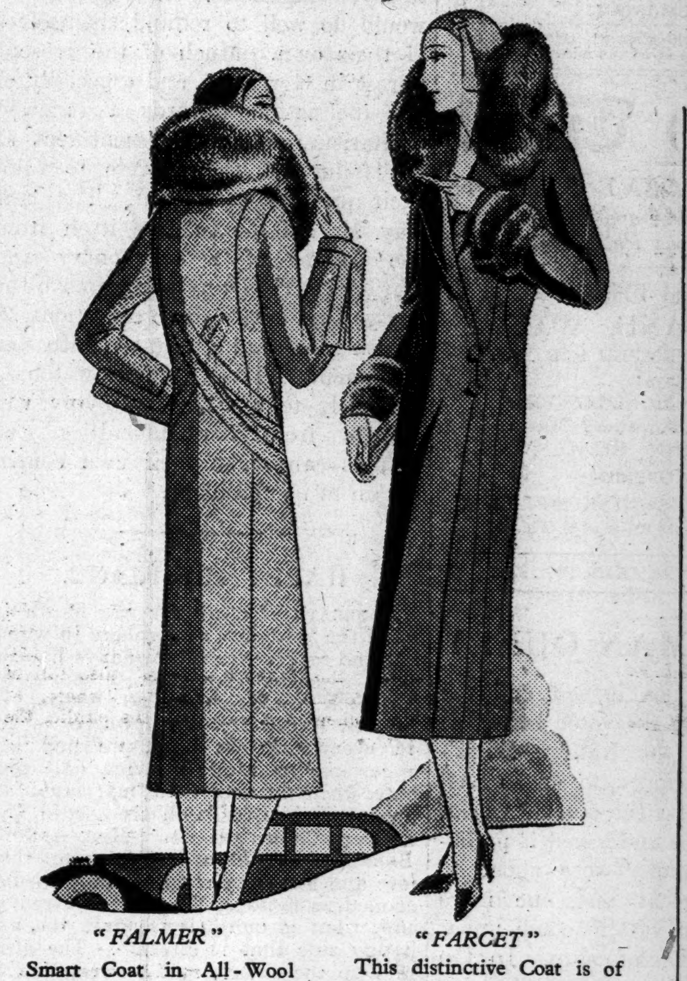

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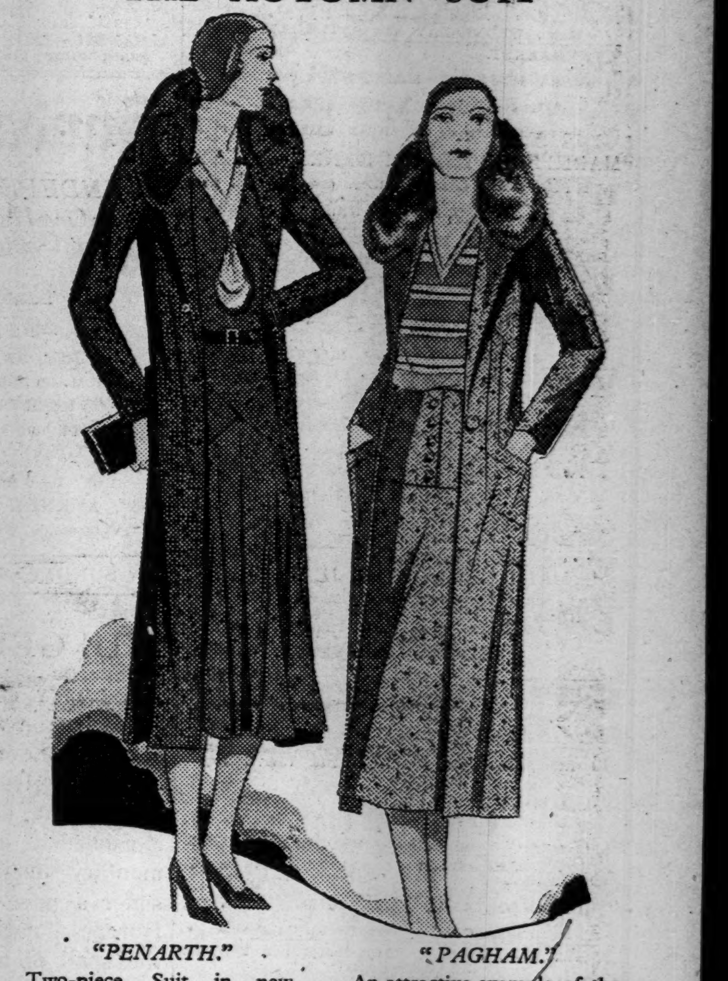

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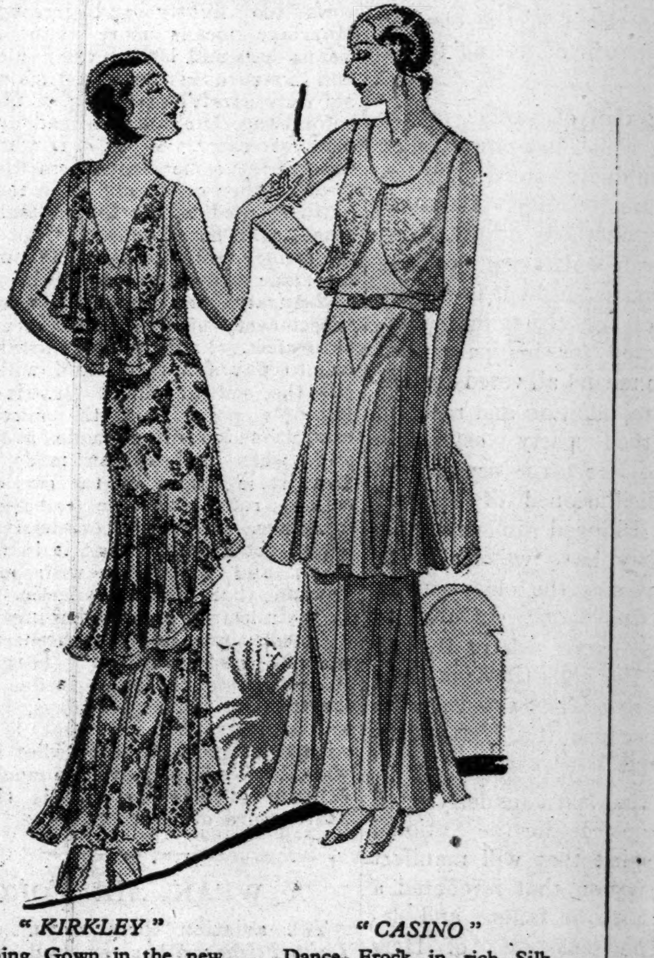

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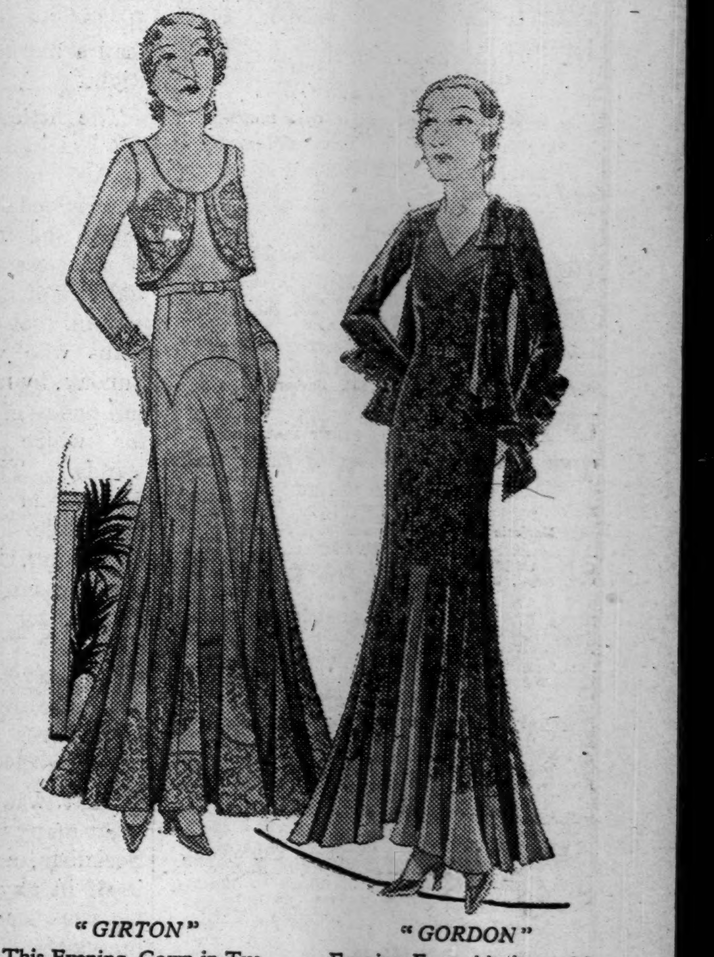

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THE GERMAN QUERY

Germany startled herself and the world by the way she voted last Sunday. Not even the National-Socialists themselves hoped to do as well as they did; as for the outside world, it rubbed its eyes and asked if parliamentary institutions were about to suffer a new defeat and one more European nation was to come under the spell of a Dictatorship. In the week that has since elapsed opinion has had time to cool down. There is less talk of crisis, more of co-operation. Nothing is certain or clarified yet, and the situation created by the return of 107 Nationalist extremists and seventy-five Communist extremists is undoubtedly a matter of deep concern. But there are certain elements in the situation that make for stability, and inspire the hope that nothing more fundamental is indicated by the result of the election than a marked turn of feeling to the Right.

The little group of twelve in the last Reichstag which has now swollen to 107 undoubtedly stood for extremist measures. Herr Hitler's policy and his methods of preaching it are certainly alarming to the stability of Europe. But it is equally certain that of the six million Germans who voted for his party last Sunday, by no means all voted for the full policy of repudiation and reaction for which that party ostensibly stands. The German people are weary and disillusioned of political ineptitude. Plunged in economic depression, they have watched with growing impatience the older parties floundering from one failure to another. They were sick of it, and on Sunday at the polls they got their chance to say so. They voted for the Hitlerites because the Hitlerites offered a change.

That was the spirit underlying a great many votes cast for the National Socialists, a spirit that will manifest itself in any nation that is offered a vigorous lead out of failure and depression. The colleagues of Herr Hitler in the new Reichstag will have to bear this in mind; they will have to understand that a considerable body of their supporters do not endorse the full implications of their policy at its most extreme; and they will have to trim their sails accordingly. If they do not, they will surely lose much of the support they have won. They now represent an incalculably weightier body of opinion than they did before, and their responsibilities are increased accordingly. There is thus some hope that Herr Hitler's undoubted energies will be exerted in the future in a more moderate and reasonable manner. If they are, he may become a dominating influence in his country and in Europe. If they are not, he will merely remain a menace.

Until it is seen how the new Parliament groups itself and what the attitude of the Hitlerites is to be, the menace must remain uppermost in the minds of Germany's neighbours. There is nothing by which the outside world can judge Herr Hitler's intentions except his past utterances, and these have been anything but moderate. It must be remembered, too, that despite the more reassuring considerations to which we have alluded, there does exist among the German people a very strong and disconcerting opposition to some of the key features of the existing European settlement. If this were to be fanned and fed by the Hitler party the situation might become critical. A severe winter of unemployment and financial stress will not damp the fires of dissatisfaction. Until next spring, at least, there will be danger, internal and external.

It is in her foreign policy even more than in her domestic policy that Germany's testing-time is coming. If she is wise she will realise that her internal stability depends on her honouring to the full her external obligations, and continuing the policy of international co-operation and appeasement pursued by her greatest post-war statesman, Stresemann. But in reminding her of her own treaty obligations, her neighbours would do well to remind themselves of their own. Much of the present unrest in Germany, and especially of the inclination towards a renewed militarism, is due to resentment at the failure of the Powers to fulfil their promise to disarm. The best way for Europe to save itself from the danger of a reactionary and Nationalist Germany is to remove the causes that create these conditions by pressing forward genuinely with disarmament. Thus, while watching anxiously to see how Germany will emerge from her difficulties, the nations can make their own contribution to her problem.

HAPPY MARRIAGE.

A breath of clean air was blown in upon the hot-house atmosphere in which sex and marriage are nowadays habitually discussed by the Bishop of Norwich's address at a wedding in London last week. Everywhere we go, in everything we read, we find sex uppermost in mind; and not only sex, but, when it comes to marriage, an unhealthy insistence on the sordid and unhappy sides of it. Mr. Arnold Bennett has been complaining that love and marriage seem the only themes of modern fiction. We knew it already, and, what is more, it is again the unhappy side that is stressed. The films pile up the agony, and a Press that is not always over-careful in its selection helps to swell the tide. The young are thus enticed into an exaggerated preoccupation with the relations of men and women, and they have always thrust before them not what is good and beautiful in those relations, but all that goes to make them bitter and ephemeral and hated.

Against all this the Bishop of Norwich delivered a welcome antidote. The fashionable reaction against Victorian domesticity has gone a great deal too far; young people to-day often accept the obligations of their marriage vows too lightly and irresponsibly. Marriage means more than sex, it means deep and lasting companionship; and to secure this for a lifetime requires not only careful searching of the heart beforehand, but a disciplined unselfishness thereafter. There is not, unfortunately, the same earnestness displayed to-day either in the one or in the other, as there used to be; there should be a sense, said Dr. Pollock, "not merely of failure, but of shame," when a marriage proves unsuccessful.

Naturally no one can reasonably expect every marriage that is made to be perfect. Youth makes mistakes and has to pay for them, and will do so till the end of time. But it is the Bishop's point that the mistake is nowadays too often made avoidably; and, when it has been made, escape from it is sought by the earliest and easiest route. People embark upon marriage, he says, "carelessly, heedlessly, not knowing what is in front of them, and sometimes with more of passion than sincere affection rising in their hearts, or only hoping to have a good time in a self-centred life without responsibility." Largely, as he says, this tendency is due to the constant insistence nowadays, in print and conversation, on what is wrong with marriage instead of what is right with it. We have heard too much of the failures of marriage; it is time we heard more of its successes.

A WEAK AIR FORCE.

The aviation correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* has rendered a notable public service in drawing attention to the weakness of the Royal Air Force. The disclosures which he makes are of such a serious character that they demand the immediate attention of the Government. Our air defence force is the youngest member of the fighting services, and, in view of the opinion of experts as to the part aerial machines will play in case of another war, it is a matter of vital importance that it should be kept up to the highest pitch of efficiency.

It is disconcerting to learn from Major Turner that the equipment of our Air Force falls far behind that of other countries. No one doubts the ability, courage, or resourcefulness of our airmen—that has been proved times without number—but the best men in the world cannot succeed if they are only supplied with second-rate machines. The gravamen of Major Turner's charge is that, with the exception of two or three squadrons, the Royal Air Force is using machines which are wholly out of date. In the recent air manœuvres over England, it was demonstrated that the bombers were in many cases faster than the defending fighters.

NEW TRAFFIC LAWS.

The invention of the motor-car rushed us almost literally off our feet and has kept us there ever since. A whole revolution in national habits has been caused by the car, and we have limped painfully behind the developments in a vain attempt to keep up with them. Despite our efforts, legislation has straggled a good twenty years in the rear of road advances, and local and national regulations have remained in a state of ineffectiveness and chaos. Now at last all this is to be changed. The new Traffic Act, the details of which have recently been the subject of some observations by the Minister of Transport, is a big attempt to bring the traffic laws of the country into line with the realities of the situation.

The speed limit is to go—as many think, wrongly; time alone can prove the wisdom or otherwise of the decision. The new regulations for ensuring at least an elementary standard of physical fitness in holders of driving licences, and the new code for road users, should do something to lower the accident rate. One way to do this is to lessen the congestion on the roads, and for this reason one of the most important provisions of the Act is that which co-ordinates road services and reduces unnecessary competition. "The public must not expect to go as fast by road as they can by rail," says Mr. Morrison. "The services must be correlated." If this principle of co-ordination is put thoroughly into practice it will be a boon to both forms of transport; the railways will be assisted, and the roads will be relieved—both of which things are urgently necessary.

CANADA'S NEW TARIFF.

The difficulties of what is loosely called Empire Free Trade are further emphasised by the introduction of the heavy new Canadian tariffs. Canada—as we pointed out at the time of her recent elections, and events have quickly endorsed the view—is a rapidly developing industrial country determined to protect her industries. She has done so with her new tariffs to some purpose. Steel and iron, textiles, hardware, boots and shoes, these and a very wide variety of manufactured articles are subjected to more or less heavy rises in duty. Preference for British goods is retained, but all the same our manufacturers will suffer.

This is one of the reasons why the free importation of British manufactured goods into Canada in exchange for her foodstuffs looks to be a dream of the very far future. Nevertheless, there is ample scope for further negotiation and arrangement. By still admitting farm implements from Great Britain free, for example, and by retaining the principle of preference, Canada has shown her desire to meet the home country with reciprocal trade agreements. The coming Conference should reinforce and extend them. But what the Canadian tariff policy chiefly teaches this country is that the time is already over-ripe for a similar policy of safeguarding for our own impoverished industries.

BRITISH THRIFT.

Notwithstanding the many obstacles that have been put in their way in recent years, the British people continue to display a commendable love for thrift. Trade depression on the one hand and alluring entertainments on the other have failed to kill the old spirit. Indeed, it would appear from recent investigations that adversity has strengthened rather than weakened the thrifty character of the people.

It will surprise many to learn that the savings of small investors now amount to £1,932,000,000. The two most prominent forms of savings in recent years have been in National Savings Certificates and in the purchase of house property. Over nine hundred million savings certificates have been issued since the war, and the amount advanced per year by building societies for the purchase of houses has risen from £15,840,961 in 1919 to £58,664,684 in 1928. One can only hope the movement will become so strong that it will influence the policy of the Government. The sooner the lesson is learned that the way to national prosperity is through thrift and not through extravagance, the better will it be for the people.

HALF-A-CROWN.

A distinguished contributor to these columns, Mr. Harold Cox, has been detected in an attempt which will bring upon his head the execration of housemaids and stewards and all who go down on their knees for tips. Mr. Cox's enthusiasm for a decimal coinage has induced him to advocate the abolition of the half-crown. In future, if the eminent economist had his way, the tipper would be deprived of the satisfaction of giving, the tippee of receiving, a good, fat single coin; for who likes bestowing three shillings, and who likes accepting two?

The pocket, moreover, instead of being filled (as in our happiest dreams) with half-crowns, would jingle with florins and sixpences, thereby greatly adding to the impedimenta of daily life and to the noise and vibration which, the doctors say, are so inimical to the nervous system. After all, has not the name with which we designate two shillings and sixpence a noble sound, even if it is only "half a crown"? All very well, in these democratic days, to resign oneself to the disappearance of the sovereign and the half-sovereign; let us at least retain the Royal trappings of the half-crown. One final suggestion.

> A guinea it will sink, and a note it will float,
> But I'd rather have a guinea than a one-pound note.

If the half-crown is to be abolished, let it be abolished from the price-list; and as far as the purse is concerned the florin may go.

THE INDIAN ROUND TABLE.

ITS PERSONNEL AND ITS FUNCTION.

BRAHMANISM v. THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA

A TRIAL OF STRENGTH.

By Lord Meston, K.C.S.I.

There is no occasion for either surprise or disappointment that the extreme home rulers have refused all invitations—alas, almost entreaties—to take part in the Conference on India. Ever since the time, eleven years ago, when resurgent Hinduism sent out Mr. Gandhi as its emissary and declared war on the Montagu-Chelmsford constitution, it has been clear that we are facing, not a political controversy, but a trial of strength between the ancient power of Brahmanism and that new force which we call the democratic ideal. The two have almost nothing in common; and, although we had hoped, and, in spite of much discouragement, still hope, that by some blending of them India will in time become a great self-governing nation, that prospect is wholly opposed to Hinduism's own conception of the future.

Hinduism, however, has been badly served by the Congress Party, or Swarajists. They have consistently evaded the real issue. Thoroughly reactionary in their aims, they have chosen the weapon of paradox and fought each step of political advance on the pretence of its inadequacy. In the end they have overshot the mark, and to-day they are left bankrupt of everything except obstruction and revolution.

An Inevitable Policy.

From the tactics adopted by the Swarajists non-co-operation became a perfectly logical, indeed an inevitable, policy. When the Montagu-Chelmsford scheme gave them partial home rule in the provinces they could not co-operate in it because they demanded complete provincial autonomy. When this is offered them by Sir John Simon they cannot co-operate because they now demand Dominion status, whatever that means. On the Viceroy's assurance that this is coming they cannot co-operate because they finally claim exclusion from the Empire. If they were invited to discuss the terms of exclusion from the Empire they would still be unable to co-operate, because neither it nor any of their earlier claims is what they really want. They do not in reality seek for the removal of British protection, or even of the British connection. What they cannot endure is the British political ideal, and in any discussion into which that ideal enters they can have no say. They could do nothing at the Conference if they did attend it, and the Conference could do nothing with them. Why then worry about their abstention?

The Swaraj Demand.

No apprehension need be felt that, in the absence of the extremists, the case for Swaraj will go by default. Among the fifty delegates thus far selected from British India there are at least twenty who are advanced Nationalists, belonging to the party which used to be known as Moderates, or to the later sect of Responsivists, or to the small group of Mohammedans who usually work with them. They include some of the most eminent names in political life—Mr. Sastri, the heir of the oldest of all the National movements, full of honours and rich in experience; Sir T. B. Sapru and Mr. Jayakar, who have shouldered many a thankless task in their Liberal cause; Mr. Jinnah, the Parnell of the Moslem party; Mr. Mahomad Ali, the fire-eater of the Caliphate movement; and others. With them there will be no yielding in the demand for complete home rule, but, unlike the Congress party, they do not pretend to expect it at once. Their demand will apparently be autonomy in the provinces and dyarchy in the central government—a somewhat illusory compromise when it is remembered how vehemently they attacked dyarchy, and how promptly they called for its abolition upon its introduction in the provinces.

A Grotesque Charge.

Of the other delegates from British India, the majority are already under the fire of the Nationalist Press, as "tame" or "conservative" and subservient to the Government. The charge is grotesque; there is nothing in the list which is more pointed than the complete omission of the old-fashioned type of "Government well-wisher." What has been done is to select spokesmen for as many of the leading interests in India, outside Brahmanism, as could be effectively represented. If some of these are more friendly to the Government than to the extremists, they have no doubt grounds for their preference. The selection has been made with care and impartiality. For the Moslem community its official head, the Aga Khan, will hold a brief, supported by several distinguished co-religionists, like Sir M. Shafi and Mr. Fazl-ul-haq. The landed classes are championed by the Maharaja of Durbhunga and the Nawab of Chitari. Commerce, both Indian and British, has its representation; so have the racial minorities, the depressed classes and women. One great class, and only one, seems to have no advocate—the simple unlettered peasantry who compose more than half the population. Theirs is the interest which it has always been the special task of the British official to protect, and it does not yet appear whether the voice of the British official will be heard at the Conference.

The Native Princes.

The Princes will sit at the Round Table under peculiar conditions. Their franchises will be warmly courted by the home-rulers, for whom some of them have expressed more than an academic sympathy. At the same time, they have no love for revolution, and little for the consequences of democracy. They are tenacious of their obligations to the British Crown, and to the Crown alone; in no conceivable circumstances will they accept any form of subordination to a home-rule government in British India. Whether they look more kindly on a federation between their States and the British provinces has not as yet been disclosed. It will be one of the most interesting and far-reaching topics on the Conference Agenda.

What Will the Conference Do?

What the Conference is expected to achieve is hard to estimate. Obviously not a new constitution, for that is the business of Parliament. Obviously not even a basis of compromise for a constitution; in the absence of the extremists, that is impossible; and in any case the participants in the Conference are not plenipotentiaries for the interests they represent. The most that can be hoped is that it will give us at home a clearer appreciation of the complexities in India, convince the Indian delegates of our good faith and good will, and incidentally remove obscurity from some of the minor issues. The material that could be put upon the table is enormous; inquiries and reports, speeches and debates, gigantic memoranda and counter-memoranda have poured out in an unceasing stream since 1919; but, of course, none of them will ever be looked at.

The Simon Report.

There is, however, one document which cannot be ignored. That the extremists have not done themselves the honour of reading the Simon Commission's Report, or that an eminent Moderate has been condemning it as "flouting the intelligentsia," is entirely beside the point. Parliament appointed seven of its members under a statutory mandate to advise it regarding the future of India. The Report is their considered advice; and it would consort ill with either the practice or the dignity of Parliament to allow a document so conceived—apart from its intrinsic value—to be slighted or pushed into a secondary place. Whether its proposals are palatable to any political party here or in India is of little moment. The document is the property of Parliament, and upon it will Parliament ultimately pass its judgment. The work of the Conference will be greatly facilitated if it takes the Report as its text and its agenda.

An Anomalous Situation.

It is small wonder that foreign nations find our British character an enduring puzzle. Here we are preparing to receive Indian delegations as honoured guests of State; they get a Royal palace for their work, and individually they will be fêted and feasted to their hearts' content. Out in India, meanwhile, the law is being defied, trains derailed, officials assassinated, and widespread conspiracies for anarchical crime are being unravelled. Yet India seems to see nothing unusual in the combination, nor do we. We have so long permitted disorder and lawlessness to coincide with political advance that they now claim affinity. It is bad logic, and it is terribly misunderstood in India; it is impairing the national prosperity, and laying up a deplorable legacy for the Indian Administration which will some day take over our responsibilities. Whatever, therefore, may be the outcome of the Conference, let us earnestly hope that it will include some recognition of the necessity for peace and good order as conditions of any move towards political liberty.

THE JOHNSON SUPPER.

AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT

By RALPH STRAUS.

When the late Lord Rosebery came to Lichfield twenty-one years ago this month to take the chief part in the Johnson Bicentenary celebrations, he amused his audience by asking them what they supposed Dr. Johnson himself would have said in his place. "For what purpose is this silly concourse of people gathered together?" That, he thought, might have been the great man's first remark. The "silly concourse," however, still assembles in the city of his birth each September, to pay its tribute. At the supper—naturally the big turn—it eats the appropriate dishes, drinks hot "poonch," and at any rate makes a pretence of smoking the churchwardens which are specially manufactured for the occasion.

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It is an altogether magnificent feast, as, indeed, is wholly right and proper. "A man," wrote Johnson, "seldom thinks with more earnestness of anything than he does of his dinner, and if he cannot get that well-dressed he should be suspected of inaccuracy in other things." And Lichfield has reason to be proud of its supper. In days gone by this very filling but admirable collation was served at The Three Crowns, an old and charming house of call adjoining the birthplace, but not very spacious. When the Johnson Society had been formed, and America had discovered that the Dr. Samuel Johnson whose memory was being kept green was not a coloured missionary of the same name, as had so long been supposed, but a "harmless drudge," who lived in the days of George III., it became obvious that there would have to be a move. Nowadays the fine Lichfield Guildhall is used for the banquet.

We troop in, and know at once that the setting could hardly be bettered. The great chamber is not unlike an old college hall, long and lofty and beflagged. The ladies are not allowed to join in the revels, but there is a little gallery at the far end from which they can watch. There is no high table, but the distinguished guests are bunched appropriately together. Sawdust has been piously laid down, candles are ordered by the gross, and after a slightly anachronistic ceremony of flashlight photography, the Mayor calls for grace, and we sit for meat.

And such meat! "Beef-steak puddings, with kidneys, oysters and mushrooms" are followed—not, you notice, accompanied—by "leg of mutton with red currant jelly." Then there is "apple pie with cream mounted in the old style," and, as if we had not touched solid food for a month, a further and most generous course of toasted cheese.

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Which brings me to yesterday's celebrations. Each year some distinguished man is elected President of the Society. In the afternoon he delivers his inaugural address; at the supper he proposes the "Immortal Memory." It used to be said that outside Great Britain Boswell's "Life of Johnson" was hardly read: it was too English. Yesterday the Johnson Society, and Lichfield, and in a sense all England, paid tribute to a foreigner. For the first time an American, Mr. A. Edward Newton, the well-known book collector, was chosen President. And this, perhaps, was more than a graceful gesture to one man: it was a recognition of the fact that for the past few years America has not only come to know and love Johnson, but materially enriched our knowledge of him and his work. Mr. Newton was his own charming self, a delightful man of letters whom Johnson would certainly have welcomed at The Club; but what would the great man have said of an American in the presidential chair of a society formed to do him honour? "Sir," I can hear his ghost saying, with a twinkle, "the times certainly change, and I would only draw your attention to the fact that Mr. Newton has not yet become naturalised as a Scot."

GERMAN ELECTION RESULT.

GENEVA REACTION.

ANGLO-FRENCH CONCORD

By WICKHAM STEED.

GENEVA, Saturday.

The League Assembly is often likened to an international barometer. It is more than that. Not only does it respond promptly to atmospheric disturbances, but it reacts subtly against the atmosphere itself. It behaves as a sort of regulator, automatically working to counteract the pressure of wind and weather.

Its automatic action has been clear to discerning eyes during the past week. On Monday—when the Assembly was beginning to recover from the depression caused by M. Briand's initial failure to fulfil the hopes placed in him and by the controversial tone of Mr. Henderson's speech—the results of the German elections hit it like a hurricane. The sweeping success of the Hitler Party, the increase of the Communists, the weakening of the middle class groups, were felt to herald a period of prolonged uncertainty and perhaps chaos, entailing the instability of Parliamentary institutions in Germany. The speech of Herr Curtius, Stresemann's successor, was therefore eagerly awaited. He had deliberately been mute till the elections should be over. What would he say?

A SIGNIFICANT OMISSION.

He said little, and except in one respect—his approval of a suggestion made by the Austrian Chancellor—that little was not especially encouraging. What he did not say was more significant. Neither directly nor indirectly did he refer to the evacuation of the Rhineland or recognise the beneficent effects of the past co-operation between Herr Stresemann and M. Briand. Indeed, by implication he denied them by declaring that "certain developments have caused us grave disappointment" as compared with the hopes Herr Stresemann professed four years ago. True, he welcomed the idea of European co-operation and defined it as meaning in reality a European economic and Customs union for which Germany was ready to work wholeheartedly. But he sounded no note of unqualified faith or hope on his own account.

The automatic reaction of the Assembly at once set in. Herr Curtius felt it. Speaking only two hours later at its annual Press luncheon to the principal members of the Assembly, he mended his tone and promised to tread in Herr Stresemann's footsteps. Then both Mr. Henderson and M. Briand gave him some plain hints. Mr. Henderson proclaimed a deep admiration of M. Briand's work, adding emphatically that differences of opinion upon the methods of co-operation implied no divergence of aim, and that no such divergence exists or had ever existed between him and M. Briand, or between M. Briand and the British Government. M. Briand warmly reciprocated this assurance, foretold Franco-British agreement even upon methods, and called the spirit of Herr Stresemann to witness that as a "citizen of the world" he, M. Briand, had fulfilled his promises and kept his faith.

REPOLARISED.

This manifestation of Anglo-French concord gladdened the Assembly and checked the process of depolarisation that had begun last Monday week, when Mr. Henderson and M. Briand were at loggerheads over the manner of presenting the European Federation idea to the Assembly. The process extended far beyond the European delegates and threatened to end in general demoralisation. But no sooner were France and England seen standing side by side than the atomised Assembly repolarised itself round the centre of joint leadership. Even the German situation began to seem not quite so formidable.

It is formidable none the less. In facing it, the French opponents of M. Briand would be wise to remember that Mr. Henderson's declaration of admiration and friendship for him was addressed expressly and deliberately to the man himself and to the conciliatory policy with which he is identified. The Germans were far too shrewd to miss this point. In their heart of hearts they probably rejoiced at the possibility that continued and concordant Anglo-French watchfulness on behalf of peace might curb the ignorant and irresponsible elements in a Germany whose unprepossessing features the elections had unveiled.

UGLY CONTINGENCIES.

Some of those features are ugly indeed, and are unlikely to be beautified within a calculable future. In an economic financial predicament, aggravated by the panic-stricken flight abroad of huge amounts of German capital, the turbulence of a raw, uncultured generation of German youth, believing in violence and prone to methods of violence, may find catastrophic vent. The latent civil warfare, waged sporadically for the past two years between the National Socialists and the Communists to the accompaniment of political murder and armed conflicts, involving hundreds of casualties, may blaze forth into open strife. The agitation against the payment of Reparation annuities under the Young Plan may bring domestic discord to a pitch that would tempt any German Government to raise some dangerous issue of foreign policy as a desperate means of uniting national feeling. All these contingencies have been, and are being, seriously debated among the delegates during the intervals of public discussion of the official orders of the day.

Small wonder is it that in these circumstances signs of renewed concord between M. Briand and Mr. Henderson should be hailed with relief. Other topics which are, so to speak, standing dishes on the League bill of fare, seem by comparison of very minor moment. Not even the fate of the Protocol for the adherence of the United States to a World Court—important though it is—or the future organisation of the League secretariat, commands sustained attention. The one question which rivals the German situation in the delegates' minds is how a special committee to study and implement the European federation idea shall be put to work; for this question may have direct bearing upon developments in Germany and throughout Central Europe.

HERR SCHOBER'S WARNING.

Save among the pedants and symmetrical superlogicians, there is no expectation that the federation of Europe can ever be achieved by general political or economic

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FRANCO-ITALIAN NAVAL DEADLOCK.

FAILURE OF NEW NEGOTIATIONS FOR PACT OF LIMITATION.

EUROPE'S DARKENING CLOUDS

GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND A POSSIBLE FASCIST RISING.

Mr. Wickham Steed, the SUNDAY TIMES Special Correspondent at Geneva, telegraphing last night, stated:—

"I understand that the Franco-Italian naval conversations have come to a standstill, France having declined to accept a proposal which, while leaving the question of parity in abeyance, would have assured a marked superiority to the French Navy until 1936.

"The prospect of the full adherence of France and Italy to the London Naval Treaty is therefore fainter than ever."

As pointed out below by the SUNDAY TIMES Diplomatic Correspondent, the news, regrettable in itself as marking the disappointment of the hope of a general agreement among the principal Naval Powers, comes at a particularly ill-omened moment in view of the uncertain situation created by the German Fascist success in the Elections.

BRITISH HOPES DASHED.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF BREAKDOWN.

By Our DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The news that a deadlock has been reached in the negotiations between France and Italy will be received with some concern in London.

It is no secret that much was expected from the naval discussions which Mr. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, had with the French and Italian naval authorities in the course of his recent visits to Rome and Paris, and that the hope was entertained that the difficulties which wrecked a Five-Power Agreement at the London Naval Conference would be overcome in any renewed conversations.

Discussions were reopened in Geneva between M. Briand and Signor Grandi, but that these were not proceeding as well as was hoped was sufficiently shown by Signor Grandi's return to Rome before the close of the League meeting.

What the next step may be must be uncertain. Any extensive building by France and Italy would have its effect on the Treaty between Great Britain, the United States, and Japan, provision being made under the so-called escalator clause for a review of their own naval programmes in the event of an increase in the navies of the other naval Powers.

That is only, however, one aspect. The naval question is one of several issues outstanding between France and Italy, and failure to dispose of it may prejudicially affect the others, which concern Italian claims in Northern Africa, among other matters. Any exacerbation of Franco-Italian relations would be particularly unfortunate at a moment when, as a result of the National-Socialist success in the German General Election, the future trend of German foreign policy is the object of lively speculation and not a little apprehension.

GERMANY AND THE FASCISTS.

CHANCELLOR'S CALM.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Saturday.

Whatever may be in store for Germany in the future, the present is being dealt with by a vastly overwhelming sober-minded section of the population without any sign of nervousness. Panicmongers in this country, who must have sensation at any price, have circulated views that have upset the equanimity with which the result of the elections was received in most foreign countries, and a serious effect has been produced on some of the international stock exchanges, but German financiers are convinced that the outside world will very quickly realise that there is no foundation for what the financial newspapers describe as an unscrupulous attempt to undermine German credit abroad.

The nervousness behind these reports may perhaps be attributed to the fear of pogroms, for the National Socialists have made anti-Semitism a leading feature of their programme, but even that party, with over a hundred representatives in the Reichstag, will hardly venture to defy the powerful organisations built up to maintain domestic peace and ensure public safety.

Cabinet Meeting on Tuesday.

Dr. Brüning, at least, seems to know nothing about the panic. He is going about his business calmly and systematically, and announces that his work is so far advanced that the Cabinet will meet on Tuesday to elaborate the programme to be submitted to the new Reichstag when it assembles on October 13.

Towards the end of the coming week, when the party leaders have had time to consider the outlines of this programme, Dr. Brüning will receive them separately, and on learning their views and opinions he will set about forming his majority. In the meantime, Dr. Brüning says nothing, so that it cannot be known if he contemplates including "Hitlerites" in his new Ministry.

The leaders of his party, the Centre, have most explicitly declared that cooperation with the National Socialists is inconceivable, and it is rumoured that the Chancellor himself regards collaboration with Herr Hitler as impossible but it is obvious that he cannot arrive at any decisions until he has discussed the Parliamentary situation with the leaders of the patriotic parties.

Herr Hitler's Caution.

In the meantime Herr Hitler is as cautious as the Chancellor, and it is obvious that he has given orders to his lieutenants to observe the greatest discretion, which are being generally obeyed. The Saxon section of the National Socialist Party is deliberating whether it will participate in the formation of the new Government or not, and is presenting its conditions, the main one of which is that the new Government shall pursue an absolutely anti-Marxist policy on its lines.

If the other parties promise to do this, the National Socialists will collaborate in Saxony, and will swear to uphold the Republican Constitution, but if the other parties do not give this promise, the National Socialists will, they declare, not bargain on any other basis, but will remain outside the Government and will obstruct every attempt to govern on Marxist principles until the incompetence of other parties is again manifest to the nation, and then the voice of the electors has to be heard.

Nationalists and Nazis.

The Nationalist Party announces that all reports of collaboration or otherwise with the National Socialists are entirely devoid of truth, for the party leaders have not yet discussed officially the attitude to be taken towards the Parliamentary situation produced by the elections.

The Berlin Bourse opened this morning in an atmosphere of depression produced mainly by the occurrences on the London and New York Stock Exchanges yesterday, but there were few sales to be dealt with when business opened. A considerable quantity of holdings by Germans of German stocks and shares was disposed of yesterday, and foreign currency was bought with the proceeds, the intervention of the Reichsbank being necessary to maintain the relationship of the mark with the dollar, but there was little excitement, and the situation is well in hand.

The nervousness that prevailed in the stock and share market did not spread to the money market, although the attitude of foreign capitalists in regard to granting short term credit to Germany is not judged so optimistically as it was earlier in the week. Foreign capitalists are manifesting some reserve. All advances falling due at the present moment are being prolonged, and at the same rates, but foreigners hesitate somewhat to make fresh advances, though, on the other hand, banks report that they are still obtaining money from England and from America for one and for three months.

NO "PUTSCH."

STATE FORCES EQUAL TO ANY EMERGENCY.

BERLIN, Saturday.

The Prussian Government as well as the Ministry of the Interior of the Reich announce that there is no reason to take seriously "the alarming rumours about a threatening Fascist Putsch." The authorities, who are fully informed as regards the intentions and fighting strength of the Fascists, point out that the latter's weapons are of no importance compared with those of the State forces, which are absolutely reliable and can be put into action any moment for the protection of the Constitution and its institutions.

Scaremongers are severely taken to task in the Government's announcement for being to blame for the general unrest which is stated to be causing much harm to German industry as well as prejudicing the interests of the Reich.

The Prussian police have no reason to believe that revolutionary preparations are going on among the Fascists. Rumours to this effect, which were first published in Communist and similar newspapers for obvious reasons, were unfortunately picked up by the foreign Press and caused a scare on Stock Exchanges abroad, which has naturally reacted upon the Berlin Bourse. The Prussian police force is a reliable and trusty weapon in the hands of the Government, a description which, the police authorities point out, applies also to the Reichswehr, which, apart from a few individual cases, has not been affected by Nationalist propaganda.—

It is reported that Herr Hitler, the National Socialist leader, to-day conferred with Herr Hugenberg and Herr Treviranus (Minister for the occupied zone). His movements were, however, kept secret.

A group of Fascists making their way home somewhat noisily from a meeting last night were dispersed by the police who arrested ten of them. Herr Hitler's Berlin lieutenant, Dr. Göbbels, and other Fascist leaders, who tried to intervene at the police station, were roughly handled, beaten with truncheons, and thrown outside the premises.

A collision occurred at Brandenburg between Fascists and Communists yesterday, as a result of which the Fascist parade arranged for to-morrow has been forbidden by the police.—*Reuter.*

CHANNEL SHIPS IN GALE.

PASSENGERS' LONG ORDEAL.

STORM-TOSSED OFF FRENCH COAST.

As a consequence of the continuance of the gale, cross-Channel shipping services were considerably affected yesterday, and some hundreds of returning holiday-makers were thereby inconvenienced. Some were unable to leave the Channel Islands owing to the non-departure of the steamers. Others had anxious hours afloat as their boats were buffeted by wind and waves.

For three hours the steamer Biarritz was storm-tossed off the French coast, with 300 passengers aboard her. Six times (says an Exchange message) the captain tried to reach harbour, but was defeated by the weather. He thereupon decided to seek the refuge of Le Portel roadstead. It was the first time for three years that a vessel of such a size had been held up off Boulogne.

Later in the evening conditions improved sufficiently for the captain to get his vessel into port on the rising tide. The passengers were very thankful when their ordeal in the storm was at last over. They warmly congratulated captain and crew on their handling of the boat.

Both Southern and Great Western Railway steamers were unable to leave Jersey. Over a thousand tourists were, as a consequence, confined to the islands.

During the storm Brigadier-General Tidswell's motor-yacht, Whyte Leaf, which was at anchor in St. Brelade's Bay, Jersey, dragged her anchor. She drifted on to the rocks and became a total wreck.

FOUR PERSONS DROWNED.

CAPTAIN, WIFE AND CHILD.

BOULOGNE, Saturday.

The fishing boat Notre Dame Desardents, of Boulogne, returned to harbour this evening with two men found in a boat on the sea. The men belonged to the Dutch motor boat Foxhol, of Coningen (Holland), which had been capsized by a huge wave in the estuary of the Thames.

The captain of the boat, Captain Lammers, his wife, and two-year-old baby and a sailor were drowned.—*Central News.*

Other storm news is given on page 24.

BRIDGE "TEST."

AMERICA STILL LEADING: A STIFF FIGHT.

America again held the lead yesterday in the Anglo-American Bridge Test, being held at Almacks Club, Upper Grosvenor Street. This was the fifth day.

Starting with 5,640 points, up from the previous day's play, America won the first hand of the evening—the 121st hand of the Test—by 160 points. But in the fourth hand of the evening England made a remarkable recovery in Room 2, in which Mr. Cedric Kehoe and Dr. Nelson Wood-Hill (England) made a grand slam, winning 1,840 points from their opponents Mr. Culbertson and Baron Waldemar von Zedtwitz (America).

Unfortunately, however, this good form was not maintained in Room 1., where Colonel Walter Buller (Captain of the English team), and Mrs. Gordon Evers (England) lost 1,020 points to their American opponents, Mr. Ely Culbertson (captain of the American team), and Mr. Theodore Lightner.

A stiff fight followed, and by the time of the adjournment for dinner, after playing nine hands, America was only 230 points up on the evening's play.

At the end of the 134th hand late last night the British team was 6,425 points behind the Americans. There are 200 more hands to be played.

EMERGENCY TARIFFS.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SUGGESTION.

Speaking yesterday at the Crystal Palace, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said the rejection of the present Government, bag and baggage, was the only thing that could save the country.

He also asked why the Conservatives, in the first few months of office, should not bring in an emergency tariff which would give our manufacturers breathing space while we entered into negotiations with overseas countries, Dominions and foreign nations.

Mr. Lloyd George also spoke yesterday, at Stowmarket, where he declared that we were running into a trade crisis, not passing through one.

Reports of the speeches appear on page 22.

ITALIAN EMIGRATION.

PUNISHMENT FOR LAW BREAKERS.

ROME, Saturday.

Following on the recent relaxation of the Emigration Laws, whereby the issue of passports is facilitated in the case of citizens with specific work abroad to go to, provided they have done their military service, a graduated scale of punishments is now announced for persons who illegally take any step to assist emigration.

The terms of imprisonment range from three months to a year, and the fines from 100 to 6,000 lire.—*Reuter.*

PROSPEROUS FRANCE.

ONLY 900 WORKLESS.

PARIS, Saturday.

The number of unemployed in France has decreased further during the past week, and there are now only 904 unemployed workers throughout the whole of the country.

The industrial situation, in fact, has reached such a satisfactory state that it has been possible this week to allow another 2,702 foreign workers to establish themselves in France.—*Exchange*

THE SICK LIST.

The following were last night's reports on the condition of invalids:—

LADY BOWDEN: Satisfactory progress.

SIR RICHARD BARNETT: Little better.

SIR GUY STEPHENSON: A very comfortable day. Going on well.

MR. CHARLES A. MCCURDY, K.C.: No change.

RUSSIAN COIN HOARDERS.

FORTY EXECUTED IN TWO MONTHS.

PRIESTS SHOT.

SOVIET DESPOTS' NEW TERRORISM.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MOSCOW, Saturday

Energetic measures are being taken by the Ogpu [Cheka] to put a stop to the nation-wide accumulation of silver coins and to increase the number of coins in circulation.

During the last two months forty persons have been executed for hoarding coins and about 600 exiled. A short notice in the Press to-day announced that eight hoarders, including two priests, had been shot and 438 exiled to prison camps—three for ten years.

Almost simultaneously the Central Executive Committee have decreed that, in view of the shortage of paper, Treasury notes of one, three, and five rouble denominations, the Commissariat of Finance has authorised the issue of Treasury notes up to 100 per cent. of the amount of Chervonetz notes in circulation, instead of 75 per cent. as before. Chervonetz notes are backed by 25 per cent. of gold as coverage. When the Treasury notes are added, it means that the gold coverage of all paper is 12½ per cent.

"EUROPE WANTS TO FIGHT."

U.S. NAVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S VIEWS.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Mr. Fred Britten, chairman of the House of Representatives Naval Committee, who returned to-day from Europe on the Leviathan, declared: "Europe does not want to disarm. It wants to fight. Prospective war preparations are costing Europe six million dollars per day.

"The Polish corridor is a thorn in the side of every German. Russia is awaiting an opportunity to take back its seaports in Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and retake Bessarabia. Three million Germans in Czechoslovakia are ready to fight for self-determination.

"Jugoslavia and Italy have been at swords' points for three years. The League Disarmament Commission has been sitting for five years without accomplishing a single thing."

The United States Ambassador to Germany, Mr. F. M. Salkett, disagreed with Mr. Britten, remarking: "It costs money to run a war."—*Exchange.*

INSURANCE OF NEW CUNARDER.

COMPANY'S STATEMENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

I am able to deny that structural work on the new giant Cunarder which is being laid down on Clydeside has been held up owing to difficulties in placing insurance with underwriters. The following official message was given to me by the Cunard Company to-day:—

"With reference to certain statements in yesterday's Press, the Cunard Company have no knowledge of any insurance difficulty having arisen, and have not yet begun to place any insurance on their new ship. The terms of the contract have still to be settled with the builders, and the dry-docking arrangements at Southampton are still under amicable discussion."

THE MEN WHO "STUCK IT OUT."

CHIEF SCOUT'S MEMORY OF THE AFGHAN WAR.

Lord Baden-Powell, accompanied by Lady Baden-Powell, attended a rally of 2,000 Berkshire scouts and cubs at Palmer Park, Reading, yesterday afternoon. The Mayors of all the Berkshire towns were among the thousands of spectators. For three hours the boys entertained them with exhibitions of scoutcraft and games.

Addressing the rally, Lord Baden-Powell recalled an experience he had when he was a very young officer in the Afghan War. "About 50 years ago," he said, "I was on the battlefield where the 6th Berkshire Regiment came to such a glorious end. I had the honour of burying them. The brigade was rushed from all sides by Afghans, and was defeated except for the Berkshire men, who sacrificed themselves to save the rest of the force.

"They stuck it out, and I hope you—their sons and grandsons—will remember their example, and stick it out in a bad place."

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POLITICAL NOTES

UNEMPLOYMENT TALKS AT NO. 10.

SPEEDING UP OF RELIEF SCHEMES.

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

The suggestion that business was not meant by the Government in their conferences with the Liberal leaders on Unemployment seems to have stirred the Prime Minister into fixing a date for resuming his talks with Mr. Lloyd George. Thursday, after the Cabinet meeting, was chosen, and there was a gathering of four, for Lord Lothian accompanied the Liberal leader, and Mr. Snowden dropped in from No. 11. It is understood that the conversation, which continued for nearly three hours, was of a cordial character, but as the departmental examination of the Liberal plans is not yet concluded, dealt chiefly with the broader aspect of the question.

In Labour quarters it is suggested that Mr. Lloyd George and his advisers have derived very great benefit from direct contact with the difficulties with which the Government contends. Presumably the plan for a large scale loan to cover heavy expenditure on public works has disappeared, and the Liberals have also been cured of their invincible faith in further road development—at all events as applied to main trunk highways. More may be possible on secondary roads, but there is now apparently agreement that the main object must be to speed up the actual operation of the innumerable schemes which have been approved. In roads alone there may be anything up to £50 million for which sanction has been obtained; the local authorities and others are, however, guilty of very great delay; and if the powers under the recent legislation are insufficient the Government may have to ask for something resembling the compulsory dictatorship which was pressed by at least a section of their supporters when this subject was last under consideration at the end of July.

The Imperial Conference.

There is much discussion of the Government's attitude at the approaching Imperial Conference. Few dispute that the Prime Minister and Mr. Thomas favour some modification of the present fiscal system; both have been impressed by the attitude of the great majority of manufacturers, and others, and the deep-seated character of Britain's economic distress. But they are in a minority in the Government: and besides, they recognise that an effective preference to the Dominions and other parts of the Empire would involve duties on food and raw materials, which is exactly what the Parliamentary Labour rank and file are prepared to resist. The Free Traders in the Cabinet will almost certainly win, but it does not follow that they will be content with a negative programme, for they also recognise that unless constructive results are forthcoming, the Party will be at a great disadvantage in fighting the next General Election. For these reasons there may be considerable enthusiasm in at least the investigation of other propositions.

Bulk Purchase.

Labour members are already concentrating on bulk purchase, import boards, and to some extent on the rationalisation of production within the Empire. The underlying difficulty of bulk purchase and import boards is that they could hardly avoid being a complete State monopoly; and such a monopoly would require to purchase not only the Imperial but also the foreign supply, whether of wheat or the raw materials of leading industries. Further, it would be of little value to British agriculture, in whose interests it is recommended by at least a section of the Socialists, unless it could safeguard the home producer; and there is then the immediate problem of giving him prior place against even the Empire supply. He would certainly not be content with the same treatment as other parts of the Empire. It is all remarkably technical and intricate; and I am inclined to think at this stage that there may be no real Government enthusiasm for a comprehensive bulk purchase or import board, but rather a tendency to rely on such trade arrangements with the different parts of the Empire as may grow up in the midst of other plans for closer co-operation.

The Tariff Convention.

Meantime there is much resentment at Mr. Graham's ratification of the Tariff Convention, which was promulgated a year ago. Should this Convention operate, it means that for two years at least we cannot introduce new tariffs or extend existing tariffs unless our purpose be purely that of revenue. Many trade unions, especially in the North of England, lament what they regard to be a needless commitment. The case for some alteration in the English tariff is strengthened by the abrupt but expected action of the Canadian Prime Minister. Mr. Bennett last week introduced by far the highest tariff known in Canada, and as the new tariffs start within forty-eight hours of their passage through Parliament, they are at this moment operative against scores of new imports from these islands. It is quite true we get a preference in places, but nearly 30 per cent. increases are registered in many commodities. Under these circumstances, to engage suddenly in a tariff truce when the Continent bristles with its barbed wire is short-sighted and weak. Industry wants reviving and encouraging, and not disheartening at every turn.

Mr. Randolph Churchill.

There are some of us old enough to remember not only the South African War but the return from that campaign of a young officer who had escaped from captivity and whose name was Winston Churchill. He toured the country lecturing upon his captivity, and ultimately visited America at the age of 25, creating quite a sensation by the force of his language and the legendary heroism of his story. History is now to repeat itself. On October 1 Mr. Winston Churchill's son, Mr. Randolph Churchill, will leave England to lecture in America. He is only nineteen, but he is booked to appear in many cities for large sums of money. Randolph Churchill is handsome, earnest, and eloquent, and showed at the last election that he had command both over words and audiences. He inherits his father's vitality and his mother's charm, and should have a brilliant career.

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FAREWELL TO THE VICEROY.

BRILLIANT FUNCTION AT SIMLA.

'WONDERFUL PERSONAL POPULARITY.'

SIMLA, Saturday.

The United Service Club gave a farewell banquet in honour of Lord Irwin this evening. There was an attendance of 160 members, including the Governor of the Punjab (Sir G. F. de Montmorency), the Commander-in-Chief (Sir William Birdwood), and all the high officials, and the company constituted a record for a farewell dinner to the Viceroy.

The club and grounds were brilliantly illuminated. The speeches were private, but it is understood that Mr. Arthur Ley, President of the club, laid stress on Lord Irwin's wonderful personal popularity among all classes in India.

The Viceroy, in his reply, paid a high tribute to the Civil and Military Services, the Air Force, the Medical Services, and the Police, especially praising the conduct of the latter during the past difficult six months.

The Viceroy received an ovation and departed amidst cheers and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."—*Reuter.*

UNIVERSITY RAID.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST POLICE.

CALCUTTA, Saturday.

Charges of unwarranted violence are made against the police in the report of a Special Committee appointed by Calcutta University to enquire into alleged assaults by the police on students in the Asutosh building, which was raided on September 9 during disturbances caused by a procession formed to welcome Miss Slade, daughter of a British admiral and a disciple of Gandhi. Ten students belonging to the post-graduate class, including the son of a High Court Judge, were injured in the raid.

The report of the special committee, circulated to members of the University Senate this afternoon, declared that the action of the police was an outrage on the University and students, for which there was no justification. The committee does not believe the statement that brickbats were first thrown at the police from the building, claiming that not only is this improbable but that there is "positive evidence" to the contrary.

It has no doubt that reparation is due to the University and students concerned from the police. Such reparation should be adequate and should include an unqualified apology from the police and adequate punishment of the offenders.

The report, which is unanimous, has been accepted by the Senate. The committee, which includes the present and two former vice-chancellors and Sir C. V. Raman, recommends that the chancellor, Sir Stanley Jackson (Governor of Bengal), should be approached and requested to secure such reparation, as well as a guarantee that such incidents shall not be repeated.—*Reuter.*

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GOLF IN THE RAIN.

THE PRINCE FINISHES GAME IN RAINCOAT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, Saturday.

In spite of the inclement weather the Prince of Wales is enjoying his visit.

After dinner last night he took a walk in Montparnasse. Only once was his strict incognito suspected, and that was when an artist with a fine memory for faces, stopped after the Prince had passed, and said to his friend, "That young man looks to me remarkably like the Prince of Wales."

The Prince spent this morning in his hotel, but in the afternoon motored to St. Cloud, where he had a round of golf with Mr. Fred Bates, one of the members. The game had barely started when heavy rain fell and the Prince returned to the clubhouse, where he donned a raincoat and went out and finished his game.

I understand that H.R.H. will remain in Paris until Tuesday, when he will leave by air for a short holiday in the South of France.

THE KING'S CHARGER.

"ARMCHAIR" CHOSEN FROM LANCERS.

Among the horses which the 17th/21st Lancers will leave behind when they sail for the East next Tuesday is "Armchair," officially known as B.102. "Armchair" has conferred renown on his regiment for, he has been chosen as a charger for the King's stable.

Lieut.-Colonel Vivian N. Lockett, speaking at the Regiment's Old Comrades' Association re-union last night, said: "We only hope that 'Armchair' will live up to his name and give the King very many armchair rides."

PETROL PRICE WAR.

BIG U.S. COMPANIES SUED BY INDEPENDENTS.

DETROIT, Saturday.

Ten so-called "independent" petrol dealers have filed suits in the Federal Court against the White Star Refining Company, the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Sinclair Refining Company, the Shell Petroleum Company, and the Sun Oil Company, protesting against the recent cuts in petrol prices by these companies.

Last week they announced a reduction of 3 cents (1½d.) per gallon and followed this by another cut of 2½ cents early this week. The plaintiffs charge the companies with violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Laws and the Clayton Act.

The importance of the suit is believed to lie in the fact that it may draw the attention of the Federal Government to the practices of the great oil companies and force Washington to intervene in an effort to stabilise the industry.—*Reuter.*

THE ANDREE DIARY.

POINTS OF INTEREST TO BE CLEARED UP.

STOCKHOLM, Saturday.

Professor Gunnar Andersson, one of the compilers of the resumé of the Andree diary that has been given to the Press, declares in to-day's *Aftonblad* that problems which may be of the greatest interest—the cause of the coming down of the balloon into the sea, and the final fate of the explorers—were not touched upon in the résumé because of the desire of the compilers to obtain first of all all the material available in order that the matter might be fully cleared up.

Professor Anderson adds that after the arrival of Professor Lithberg, one of the Swedish experts who were sent to Tromsoe to examine the relics, with other documents concerning the expedition, a further communiqué or even several, may be published.—*Reuter.*

WHY SHAMROCK LOST.

£30,000 YACHT AND £150,000 RIVAL.

SOME STRIKING COMPARISONS.

BEATEN ONLY WHEN AGAINST WIND.

OCEAN CROSSING NO HANDICAP.

Superior weatherliness, due to special equipment provided regardless of expense was the cause of the victory of the Enterprise over Shamrock V., declares Major B. Heckstall-Smith, in a special cable to the SUNDAY TIMES from Newport, Rhode Island. Novel features, including a light weight duralumin mast, made the cost of the Enterprise £150,000, as against £30,000, the cost of the Shamrock.

Major Heckstall-Smith, who described the America's Cup races as the special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*, will attend a meeting with the New York Yacht Club next Wednesday as representing, with Mr. Norman Clark Neill, the Yacht Racing Association and the International Yacht Racing Union. The purpose of the meeting is to seek agreement by which one measurement rule for yachts can be made applicable to the whole world.

THE SUPREME TESTS.

SHAMROCK FASTER WITH THE WIND.

By Major B. HECKSTALL-SMITH.

NEWPORT (RHODE ISLAND), Saturday.

The Shamrock V. with which Sir Thomas Lipton made his fifth challenge for the Cup was defeated with the greatest ease by the American defender Enterprise off Newport, Rhode Island. In eighty years since the Cup was won at Cowes in 1851, fourteen British vessels have challenged for the Cup, and all have failed.

The Shamrock V. sailed well in her trial races in England, and many who saw her sail expected she would put up a good race in America. Personally I considered her a very fast boat, and thought she would win. I watched all the races sailed here over the open ocean courses, and I have sailed on board the Enterprise in the charming waters of Narragansett Bay, and of course I am perfectly familiar with the Shamrock. I have examined both vessels ashore and afloat, so let me give the reasons why Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger has been so completely defeated.

VOYAGE ACROSS ATLANTIC.

There need be no mistake about the defeat. I have never seen one new yacht so utterly outsailed by another as the Shamrock was by the Enterprise. It is commonly supposed that the voyage across the Atlantic Ocean is detrimental to the chance of the challenger. I do not think the ocean voyage of the Shamrock had any bad effect upon her. The hulls of the two yachts were built to Lloyd's rules, and their hull construction was heavy and of equal weight and strength.

The Shamrock was not in the least strained upon the voyage, and it would be absurd to say the ocean crossing had any effect upon her at all. The Shamrock did not carry the same sails and rig upon the voyage that she used when racing, and it is my opinion that any suggestion of disadvantage from the Atlantic voyage can be dismissed, and quite different reasons must be sought for the cause of her defeat.

TESTING POINTS.

On a yacht race there are two main points of sailing which test the yachts. These are:—

(1) Sailing against the wind, or what is called sailing close-hauled, and

(2) Sailing with the wind upon the broadside or behind, which is called sailing with the wind free.

The first point is by far the greatest test of the skill of the naval architect. To design a vessel which will eat her way into the eye of the wind with speed and weatherliness is the supreme test. A small difference in this weatherliness—indeed, a difference so small that it can hardly be detected unless you are testing your boat against another of similar size and type—becomes so magnified in a yacht race as the miles against the wind proceed, that after sailing for a couple of hours the more weatherly vessel may be two miles ahead of the yacht which has inferior weatherly qualities.

The second point—sailing with the wind free—is a pure test of speed alone. The distance gained and lost upon this point in a true wind in the open sea without tide is very small compared with the distance gained and lost during the test of windward sailing.

THE SPEEDIER SHAMROCK.

It has been proved by these races for the America's Cup that Shamrock was actually a little faster than Enterprise. Upon a pure test of speed of say fifteen miles with the wind free, that is with the wind behind or broadside, the Shamrock could beat the Enterprise by about two minutes, or a quarter of a mile in a good steady breeze. On the other hand, at the supreme test of sailing against the wind, the Enterprise was so superior that she could beat the Shamrock by eight or nine minutes in fifteen miles dead to windward, representing about a mile and a-quarter.

It therefore follows that in a race of thirty miles, in which the two points of sailing with the wind and against it were about equally divided, the Enterprise could beat the Shamrock by about six or seven minutes, representing a mile, or rather more. That is a clear estimate of the result of the races for the Cup.

ENTERPRISE'S LIGHT MAST.

Now I will state the causes for the superior weatherliness of the Enterprise which won her the race. Firstly, the extraordinarily light weight of the mast of the Enterprise took us completely by surprise. Shamrock's wooden mast weighed 6,250 lb. Enterprise's duralumin mast weighed 4,000 lb. The metal

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crosstrees and mast fittings of the American yacht were much lighter than those of the Shamrock.

I estimate that nearly one and a-half tons was saved in the mast and rigging alone. The centre of gravity of this dead weight is sixty or seventy feet above the water; its leverage is equal to eight tons of lead ballast on the keel. This alone is enough to account for five minutes at least in fifteen miles' sailing to windward.

NOVEL WINCHES.

The boom of the Enterprise also completely surprised us; it was constructed upon a principle that improved the set of the mainsail enormously. The sails of the Enterprise were trimmed by mechanism and winches worked underneath the deck. They could be more accurately trimmed than those of Shamrock. These novelties, evolved at enormous expense, accounted for the superior speed of the Enterprise to windward.

I am told upon the authority of the two designers that, by a comparison of the drawings of the hull of their boats, they both agree that the Enterprise's hull form should be a more weatherly design, and that the Shamrock's should be capable of higher speed, and this conclusion is borne out by the result of the race.

The Enterprise had an unlimited supply of new sails. Every sail which Mr. Vanderbilt did not consider perfect was put aside and replaced by another regardless of expense. The Shamrock's outfit of sails was limited by their cost, and the result was her canvas during the races was much inferior to that of the Enterprise. The inferiority of her canvas affected her weatherliness, but was not so apparent with the wind free.

CONTRASTS IN COSTS.

I may touch upon the cost of the two vessels, because the Shamrock was an economically built and equipped yacht, whilst expense received no consideration in the construction and equipment of the Enterprise.

The steel and wood hull of the Shamrock cost less than £20,000—nearer £18,000, in fact. It would be a liberal estimate to say that all her sails and gear and spars did not exceed another £10,000. The hull of the Enterprise, built of bronze and steel, cost £50,000. She had eight mainsails which cost £24,000, and thirty other sails costing about £25,000. Her duraluminium mast cost £8,000, the steel crosstrees alone cost £2,000; she had two wooden spare masts costing £3,000 each, and her novel boom was built for £2,500. The rigging upon the three masts cost about £5,000.

When the vessel crossed the starting line in the first race she must have cost £150,000 to the syndicate of millionaires who were represented by Mr. Harold Vanderbilt. Against these tremendous forces Mr. Charles Nicholson did his best with the material at his disposal. To test and tune up the Enterprise in her trial races three other similar vessels were built in America, and the cost of each was but little less than that of the Enterprise, although none had an £8,000 mast of duralumin.

No new vessel was built to test the Shamrock in her trials, which were sailed in England against yachts of different type and built to English rules. The America's Cup has been defended by a yacht which won her races owing to her superior weatherliness. This achievement was due to the skill of her designer, whose hand was not tied by any consideration of expense. Mr. Vanderbilt sailed the yacht himself with remarkable skill, and he gave Mr. Burgess carte blanche to design and equip the yacht with every possible mechanical device and every new sail which could add to her weatherliness and speed. The result was the unqualified success of the Enterprise.

RIVALS MAY MEET AGAIN.

A NEW RACE PROPOSED.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

According to the *New York Times*, there will be a meeting of the New York Yacht Club here on Wednesday, at which the members of European and American Yacht Racing Associations will discuss a plan for a race among the America's Cup boats next summer. The yachts would be Enterprise, Shamrock V., Weetamoe, Yankee, Whirlwind, and perhaps Resolute and Vanitie, contestants of a decade ago.

Although the Shamrock and Enterprise would again be matched, the America's Cup would not be in dispute. The idea is to make the Cup boats meet under stipulated restrictions regarding rigging. The plan most advocated is to put them under a modified rig which would reduce the cost of refitting. It would bar the £8,000 duralumin mast on Enterprise, and any extreme expenditure by one owner to the disadvantage of another.

It is probable that individual yachtsmen will become the owners of the boats, purchasing them from the syndicates which now own them. Among those who are expected to take them over are H. S. Vanderbilt (Enterprise), George Nichols (Yankee), S. Spencer Morgan, jun. (Weetamoe), and Landon K. Thorne (Whirlwind).

Major B. Heckstall-Smith, Mr. Norman Clark-Neill, and Colonel Sharman-Crawford will be present at the meeting. If these suggestions are ratified all the yachts named, together with others of a new class, will be seen in competition in English waters in 1932.

Mr. Vincent Astor, the Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, denied to-day that there was any fresh challenge for the America's Cup either from Great Britain or any other country. He did not anticipate another challenger for a long while to come. Mr. Astor agreed that the mechanical gadgets with which Enterprise is equipped were probably largely responsible for her victory.—*Reuter.*

CHALLENGER'S RETURN.

MEN FROM ENTERPRISE AS CREW.

NEWPORT (Rhode Island), Saturday.

On account of the great strain imposed upon him by the races, Sir Thomas Lipton had to-day to refuse an invitation from the Mayor of Boston to attend a luncheon. Sir Thomas is not, however, seriously indisposed. He has been staying quietly aboard the Erin off Newport, and he will leave to-morrow for New York, where he will remain for an indefinite time to attend to business matters.

According to the latest reports Shamrock may be sailed back to England partly manned by an American crew. Some of the crew, it is stated, are not willing to return in her, and Captain Heard has asked if any of the crew of the Enterprise would like to take their places. Eight are understood to have accepted.—*Exchange.*

LITERATURE PRIZES.

The Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in Edinburgh University has awarded the "James Tait Black Memorial Book Prizes," instituted by the late Mrs. Janet Coats, or Black, of Millearn, Ayr, as a memorial to her husband, the late well-known publisher, for the year 1929, as follows:—

Prize for the best Biography or Literary work of that nature to Lord David Cecil for his book "The Stricken Deer, a Study of William Cowper," and the prize for the best novel or work of that nature to Mr. J. B. Priestley for his book "The Good Companions."

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THE LEAGUE AND MINORITIES.

ANOTHER GERMAN ONSLAUGHT.

POTS AND KETTLES AT GENEVA.

MR. SCULLIN'S PLEA FOR DISRRMAMENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GENEVA, Saturday.

In the Assembly's Sixth Committee this morning, the German delegate, Dr. Koch-Weser, delivered a second attack upon the League's arrangements for the protection of racial minorities, notwithstanding the damaging criticism to his first onslaught yesterday by the French, Czechoslovak, British, and Swiss delegates.

He declared that his statement was merely the beginning of a definite German policy, which would be carried much further.

The spectacle of a pre-war pot calling High Heaven to witness that all post-war kettles are black would be amusing did it not show that the German delegation is already playing to a Nationalist gallery.

M. Motta (Switzerland) was elected Rapporteur to the Assembly on the Minorities problem.

BRITISH POINT OF VIEW.

MR. BUXTON EXPLAINS

GENEVA, Saturday.

Mr. C. R. Buxton, M.P., made an important contribution to the Minorities debate by explaining the position of Great Britain. He opposed the setting up of any Commission for the revision of the Madrid Statute, which, he considered, only needs to be enforced.

"The impression exists," he said, "that we are extremists in this matter, and that we always sympathise with the minority. This is a mistake and an illusion. While we represent Great Britain, we also represent the Labour and Socialist movement in Great Britain. We have been sent here by the Labour and Socialist vote. We have no extreme belief in the principle of nationality. We consider economic conditions more important than those of nationality.

"Therefore we are not inclined to lay any great stress upon a nationality claim. We have every sympathy with a people oppressed, or in danger of oppression, but we sympathise only to the extent that their claims are legitimate and justified under the treaty."

After reminding his hearers that similar sentiments had been expressed by previous spokesmen for Great Britain, including Lord Balfour and Professor Gilbert Murray, he strongly opposed any change of procedure.

The debate will be continued on Monday. The first meeting of the European States Committee to consider M. Briand's plan for a Federation of European States will be held on Tuesday, when invitations will probably be extended to Russia and Turkey, and probably other States, to become members of the Committee.—*Exchange.*

TIME RIPE FOR DISARMAMENT.

MR. SCULLIN'S PLEA.

GENEVA, Saturday.

Mr. Scullin, the Australian Prime Minister, intervened in the discussion of the Third Committee on the Draft Convention for Financial Aid to Victims of Aggression.

The Australian Government, he said, was strongly in favour of the plan for financial assistance, provided it was conditional upon disarmament and the liability of the guarantor States strictly limited. He considered the time ripe for the holding of the proposed Disarmament Conference. It was imperative that the world should reduce armaments before the horrors of the Great War became dimmed in living memory. Armaments, so far from being an insurance against war, were a lighted torch waved amid the inflammable material of nations.

Lord Cecil, who followed, repeated that Great Britain considered it vitally necessary to make the financial assistance plan conditional upon the execution of a general scheme for the reduction of armaments.

The South African delegate said his instructions precluded his participating in the Committee's decisions on the Financial Aid Convention, but he would suggest to the Union Government that it should reconsider its attitude, particularly with a view to the amendments made by the Committee.

The New Zealand delegate said that he must abstain from accepting the Convention, and Sir Denys Bray (India) said that the Indian Government did not propose to sign the Convention at present.

The Committee adopted the article of the convention with certain amendments, and appointed a Drafting Committee to draw up a final text for submission to the Assembly.—*Reuter.*

MR. FLETCHER'S DRAWINGS.

Mr. Hanslip Fletcher, who is on holiday, will resume his drawings in the SUNDAY TIMES next week.

LATE NEWS

SIR THOMAS LIPTON'S INVITATION.

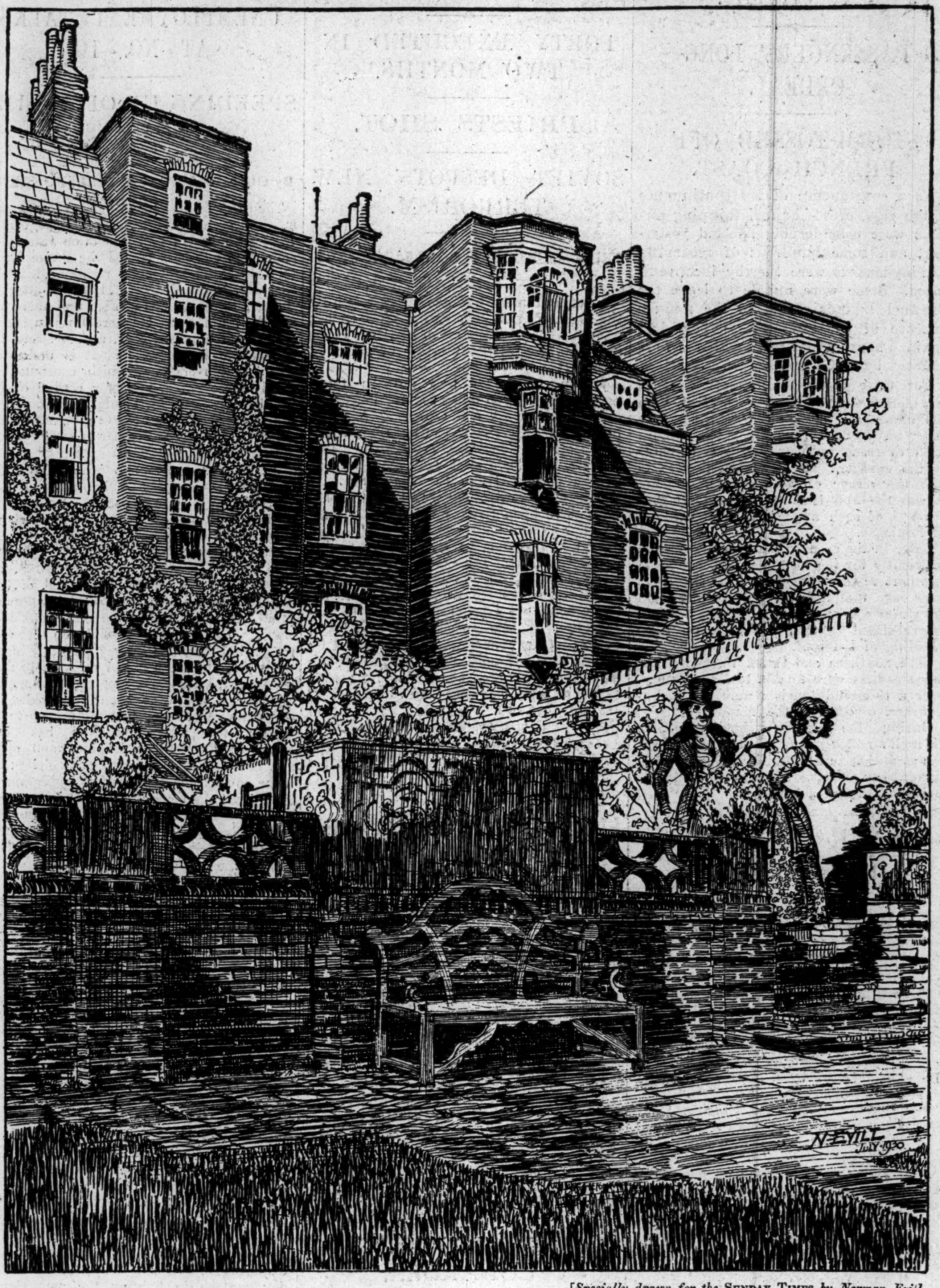
According to a Newport (Rhode Island) message, sent by the British United Press, early this morning, Sir Thomas Lipton has invited Mr. Harold Vanderbilt to sail the Enterprise in British waters next spring for a cup offered by the King.

TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

FOREST HILLS, Saturday.

In a match here to-day, Vincent Richards defeated Kozeluh 2–6, 10–8, 6–3, 6–4, thus regaining the national profesional lawn tennis title.—Reuter's Special.

EIGHTEENTH CENTURY LONDON.



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The south side of early Eighteenth Century houses in Church Row, Hampstead, built of pleasant, quiet-coloured bricks and noteworthy for good doors, fanlights and well-propo tioned windows. These are admirable types of houses that have flourished since the time when it was considered essential to have powdering closets, the projections forming these being in some cases still retained.

GANGSTERS RAID RAIDERS.

A DARING CRIME.

PROHIBITION AGENT KILLED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Twelve gangsters, members of the New Jersey Beer Racket, boldly attacked seven Prohibition agents in the act of raiding the Rising Sun Brewery at Elizabeth, New Jersey, last evening. They killed one, disarmed others, and fled after releasing eight prisoners the agents had corralled in the boiler-room.

The daring of the attack has convinced the Government authorities that the entrenched New Jersey beer industry has determined to protect its illicit trade at any cost against a major offensive by the Government.

Two Prohibition agents, who came from Philadelphia and acted independently of the local Enforcement officers, expected to surprise the brewery employees, but it was evident that their plans were known to the gangsters in advance.

When they finally reached the brewery all was quiet, and they proceeded to round up employees scattered throughout the building. They were searching the captives when the gangsters burst in and took them by surprise.

MACKAY FLAG.

SCOTS BRIGADE IN DUTCH WARS.

AMSTERDAM, Saturday.

An interesting and impressive ceremony took place in the historic little English Reformed Church in the Begynhof here this afternoon when a replica of the flag of the Scottish Brigade, known as the "Mackay Regiment," was presented to the church.

This regiment served in the Netherlands from 1572 until 1782, and all its officers were Scots, its commanders over a long period being members of the Clan Mackay.

Attired in Highland garb, and preceded by two Highland pipers, thirty-one members of the Scots and Dutch Clan Mackay escorted the flag, which was borne by Dr. George Mackay, of Edinburgh, into the church where it was reverently placed on the Communion table.

After a prayer was offered the flag was formally presented by Dr. Mackay on behalf of the clan. It was then placed in position by Baron A. W. R. Mackay, a brother of the chief, Lord Reay, who was himself prevented from being present owing to illness.

After dedicating the colours the pastor, Dr. William Thomson, recalled the association of more than two centuries of the Scottish regiments with his historic church, which was founded in 1607.

Great interest was taken in the ceremony, and the large congregation included the Burgomaster of Amsterdam and the British Consul-General. In the evening the British Association entertained the visitors to dinner at the Amstel Hotel.—*Reuter.*

"IMP" CUP VICTORS.

The national sports of the Junior Imperial League took place at Crystal Palace yesterday. The London division won the cup presented by Lord Derby for the highest number of points. Of the score of 49, the women contributed 45 points. The West-Midland division was second and Yorkshire third.

TRANCE WHICH WAS DEATH.

SPIRIT INFLUENCE ASSUMED.

DOCTOR'S FATE.

A post mortem examination has revealed that the death of Dr. William Teasdale Wilson, of New Milton, Hampshire, a spiritualist, was due to a rupture of a valve of the heart, and no inquest will be held

The death of Dr. Wilson, who was 79 years of age, was reported to the police on Friday, and he is believed to have been dead for several days. It is stated he was sitting in a chair and was thought by his wife to be in a trance when death occurred

Dr. Wilson, who was better known in American spiritualistic circles than in England, had lived at New Milton for five years.

A friend of Dr. Wilson stated that the doctor often went into trances and his family no doubt thought he was under spiritualistic influence when he was in fact dead.

BRITISH SHIPS FIRST

ORDERS TO DELEGATES.

The fact that British Government delegates must travel in British ships unless there is some strong reason why they should go in foreign vessels emerges in connection with the holding of the International Roads Congress, which opens in Washington on October 6.

A party of 150 experts on roads will leave Glasgow next Friday in the George Washington, the "Congress Ship," and the Government of the United States is sending two representatives to take the British party over. The British Government delegates, however, the principal of whom are Major F. C. Cook, Deputy Chief Engineer to the Ministry of Transport, and Mr. J. S. Pool Godsell, Assistant Secretary of the Roads Department of the Ministry, will not be travelling by the George Washington, the Government having intimated that anybody going as its representative should travel in a British ship unless there is any very special reason for not doing so.

About seventy Governments have been invited to send representatives.

One of the most important of the seventy-four papers which are to be given is in the names of Sir Henry Maybury, chairman of the Traffic Advisory Committee, Mr. James Milne, Mr. Frank Pick, and Mr. E. S. Shrapnell-Smith, president of the Commercial Motor Users Association.

LONDON'S HEAVIEST CONSTABLE

The death took place yesterday of Police Constable William Carder, of Brixton, who was believed to be the heaviest man in the Metropolitan Police force. Carder was forty-four years of age, had seen twenty-three years' service. He weighed between twenty and twenty-two stone.

He was known as a sportsman, and was a great swimmer and cricketer.

MORE INTERNATIONAL JUDGES.

GENEVA, Saturday.

The First Committee dealing with juridical questions has approved the increase in the number of judges for the Permanent Court of International Justice from eleven to fifteen, and has also approved the appointment of four deputies.—*Reuter.*

"LET ME SEE THE STARS."

DYING ARTIST'S LAST WISH.

CANDLES DECEIVE AGED PAINTER.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Saturday.

Mr. Alexander Harrison, the oldest American painter in the artistic colony of Montparnasse, is dying here in pathetic circumstances, pleading to see the stars, and insisting that the windows of his room shall be wide open.

Sometimes as he murmurs in his delirium about the stars, the friends who are tending him soothe the dying man by placing lighted candles near the windows. The artist is said to be unable to detect the kindly deception.

Mr. Harrison, who is 77 years of age, was known among his fellow painters as the "Grand Old Man," and was a familiar and picturesque figure on the terraces of the boulevard cafés until a few months ago. Born in Philadelphia, he settled in Paris fifty years ago, and soon established a solid reputation, not only here, but in London, Berlin, Brussels, and Munich. He is an Officer of the Legion of Honour and a member of the Jury of the Paris Salon.

Among the famous friends of his younger days, whom he has outlived, are Whistler, Degas, Beardsley, and Oscar Wilde, and he is said to have been the first artist to paint studies of the nude in the open sunlight instead of in the dimmer light of the studio. In this he set a fashion which has been followed by many of the most successful painters of the day. He used to take his models out to a quiet country place and pose them there is natural surroundings.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

The French Chamber of Deputies and the Senate will re-assemble on Tuesday, November 4.

The Auckland *Sun* has ceased publication, and will in future be incorporated in the *Auckland Star.*

The Ruhr Colliery stocks of coal, coke and briquettes (in terms of coal) had further increased on September 13 to over 8,500,000 tons.

The Egyptian State Railways invite tenders, closing on December 16, for the supply of 155,000 metric tons of colliery-screened steam coal.

The 12th International Congress of the History of Art was opened in Brussels yesterday. Fourteen countries, including Great Britain, were represented.

A party of 325 pilgrims, belonging to the Irish Conferences of St. Vincent de Paul, arrived at Lourdes yesterday under the leadership of the Rev. Father Dunn.

The sale of tickets for the Bayreuth Festival produced £4,750. The 10,000 visitors to Bayreuth for the Festival included 400 from England and 1,000 from America.

One of the best-known Scandinavian dancers, Madame Elna Lassen, wife of a Copenhagen doctor, was found dead in her flat on Friday night. A revolver lay near.

The first talking television pictures ever shown publicly in Berlin are now to be seen in the Scala, the Baird system being used. They have aroused widespread public interest.

CANADA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER.

EFFECT OF CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT.

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

A CONSULTATION IN LONDON.

OTTAWA, Saturday.

In the course of a statement in reply to a question put by the former Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, in the Commons to-day, Mr. Bennett, the Prime Minister, said that the Government adopted the position that Canadian Ministers in Washington and Paris should not be affected by any change of Government in Canada, their duties being representative rather than administrative, but that in the case of the Canadian High Commissioner in London the position was different.

The latter was practically a member of the Ministry, reflecting and advising on the policies of the Government. Under these circumstances, Mr. Bennett declared, the occupant of this office must be fully in accord with the policies of the Government in power.

The Premier added that while in London he would survey the situation in regard to filling the vacant High Commissionership, and the appointment would be made after that.

Meanwhile, in view of the Priemier's statement, there will evidently be no change in respect of the Candian Minister to Japan, Mr. Marler, who was previously a member of a Liberal Cabinet. For the Washington post no one has been definitely proposed. For the London post it is rumoured in usually well-informed circles that Sir Robert Borden, now representing Canada at Geneva, may be asked temporarily to fill the position.

TARIFF DEBATE.

In an effort to pass the tariff resolutions so as to enable the Prime Minister and his colleagues to leave on Tuesday to attend the Imperial Conference, the House of Commons is at present holding morning, afternoon, and evening sittings. At the opening of the Commons to-day, Mr. Mackenzie King advocated the adjournment of Parliament until after the Imperial Conference to facilitate adequate discussion of the tariff changes at an extended session—the tariff changes to remain effective in the meantime.

Present indications point to the prorogation of Parliament early on Monday, and the sailing of the Prime Minister for London the following day, from Quebec, on board the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Australia. —*Reuter.*

NIGHT FLYING AT BROOKLANDS.

SUCCESSFUL TESTS.

The aerodrome and part of the racing track at Brooklands was brilliantly illuminated by flood lights last night when an experiment was made in night flying. Two pilots, Mr. George Murray and Mr. Lowdell, of the Brooklands School of Flying, carried out the tests, despite high wind and heavy rain.

The lighting arrangements were so successful that night flying will probably be introduced regularly at Brooklands.

AN OVERHAUL OF INDUSTRY.

EFFICIENT MARKETING NEEDED.

MR. HAROLD COX ON TARIFFS.

Mr. G. M. Gillett, Minister for Overseas Trade, addressing the Incorporated Secretaries' Association at their annual conference at Balliol College, Oxford, yesterday, said that efficient marketing was now a condition of trade in the large markets of the world.

"I am convinced that a review of our present methods is essential, not only for the individual firm but also it is imperative that our various industries should carefully consider, as some are already doing, the desirability of the provision of selling organisations for the purpose of overseas trade.

"The days through which we are passing are very difficult and dispiriting times for British industry, but I feel that something may be gained from them if they compel us to face up to a reorganisation and an overhaul of industry where we find that such reorganisation is really required.

TARIFFS NO CURE.

Mr. Harold Cox, speaking at the luncheon, said that in view of the widespread character of the present wave of unemployment, they could not hope to solve the problems by means of tariffs.

Germany, Canada, and the United States had all surrounded themselves by high tariff walls, but had not escaped unemployment. Nor was there any moral gain in the organisation of relief works, because it was just as corrupting to a man to receive pay for pretended work as to draw a dole for doing nothing. The fundamental objection to creating artificial jobs for the purposes of relieving unemployment was that it reversed the natural order of industry. "To set a man to do a job, not because anyone wants the job done, but because he wants to be paid for doing it," said Mr. Cox, "is to put the cart before the horse.

"Theoretically, it ought to be possible to transfer to some other industry the people who are thrown out of work by the closing of shipyards or of cotton mills or of coal mines. There are, happily, a good many industries in Great Britain that are still expanding their activities, especially in what are known as the luxury industries, such as the manufacture of motor cars.

"The explanation is that, in spite of the big volume of unemployment, the general standard of life in Great Britain and in many other countries has greatly risen during the present century, and millions of people who previously could afford to pay for a little more than the bare necessities of life are now spending quite a lot of money on luxuries. That is wholly satisfactory, and it is along these lines alone that we can hope for a solution of the present world-problem of unemployment."

A WITHDRAWAL OF SHANSI FORCES.

TIENTSIN AREA CLEARED.

TIENTSIN, Saturday.

The area to the east of Tientsin has now been entirely cleared of Shansi troops. Peking has also been evacuated by the Shansi forces, who have withdrawn in the direction of the Nankow Pass, and they are also withdrawing from the Lunghai railway into the province of Shansi. The situation is peaceful.—*Reuter.*

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NO BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS

Court Circular.

Balmoral Castle, Saturday.

The Rev. W. Neil Sutherland has arrived at the Castle.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temaire had the honour of dining with the King and Queen this evening.

Prince George will preside at a dinner which Lady Bertha Dawkins, Lady Cunliffe-Owen, and the Hon. Mrs. Mond are organising on behalf of the Brompton Hospital for Consumption at the Savoy Hotel on November 25.

Princess Beatrice, the president of the Isle of Wight branch of the British Red Cross Society, will present the challenge shield, medals, and certificates to the Voluntary Aid detachments at Osborne House on Thursday.

The Duke of Connaught will visit the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, to-day.

The Norwegian Minister has returned to London from Norway.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe return to London this week from Floors Castle, Kelso.

The Marchioness of Carisbrooke returned yesterday to 4, Belgrave Place, from Paris.

The Countess of Gainsborough, Lady Maureen Noel, and Miss Edith Eyre sailed yesterday in the Aquitania for New York.

Countess Roberts, elder daughter of the late Field-Marshal Earl Roberts, was 60 yesterday, and to-day General Sir Philip Chetwode celebrates his sixty-first birthday.

The Earl and Countess Kenmare returned to London yesterday from North Wales.

The Earl of Clarendon will arrive at Pitt House, Hampstead, on Wednesday, and will be joined by the Countess of Clarendon on Thursday.

Viscountess Elibank returns to-day to St. James's Court from Paris, and will leave for Scotland on October 4.

Viscount and Viscountess Allenby will return to London from Perthshire at the beginning of October.

Lord and Lady Aberdare returned yesterday to 1, Lowndes Square, from Norfolk.

Sir Alexander and Lady Roger, accompanied by their three sons, have left for Aberarder Lodge, near Kingussie, Inverness-shire, which Sir Alexander has leased from Sir John Ramsden for deer-stalking.

General Sir Alexander Hamilton-Gordon leaves next Friday for Lisbon.

Sir Egerton and Lady Hamond-Graeme will return to 48a, Curzon Street, on September 27, from Scotland.

Mr. Lloyd George will be presented on October 24 with the freedom of Cowbridge (Glam.), one of the oldest and smallest boroughs in the country. The freedom was offered and accepted during the war.

Mrs. Henry Rimington Wilson, the wife of Captain H. E. Rimington Wilson, of Broomhead Hall, near Sheffield, and eldest daughter of Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the last Government, has given birth to a daughter at 80, Chester Square.

ENGAGEMENT.

Lieut. Victor Mansell and Miss Francesca Stewart.

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Victor Mansell, Royal Navy, and Miss Francesca Stewart. Lieutenant Mansell is the elder son of Vice-Admiral Sir George Robert Mansell, Deputy Master of Trinity House, and Lady Mansell, of Lexham Gardens, W. Sir George entered the Service in 1881 and retired in 1912, when he was created an Elder Brother of Trinity House. Lieutenant Mansell's fiancée is the daughter of Mrs. Lewis Stewart, of Washington, D.C.

OBITUARY.

General Sir J. S. Ewart.

The death of Lieut.-General Sir John Spencer Ewart, at his seat, Craigcleuch, Langholm, Dumfriesshire, is announced. General Ewart, who was aged 69, came of a distinguished Scottish military family, both his father and grandfather being generals. He joined the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in 1881, and saw active service in the Egyptian and Sudan Campaigns.

In the South African War he was Brigade-Major of the ill-fated Highland Brigade at Magersfontein, and was present at Paardeburg, and other engagements. He went to the War Office in 1902 as Assistant Military Secretary, and after holding other posts was promoted to be Adjutant-General to the Forces and Second Military Member of the Army Council in 1910.

In April, 1914, he resigned his membership of the Army Council over the Curragh incident, arising out of the Home Rule controversy. Within a few days, however, he was appointed to succeed Sir James Wolfe Murray as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Scottish Command. This post he held until his retirement in 1918.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. Berry-Jones.

The funeral of Mrs. Lucy Beatrice Berry-Jones took place privately at Woking Crematorium yesterday. The Rev. Canon Tringham, vicar of Long Cross, officiated.

The relatives present were: Mr. Ewart Berry (son), Mr. Ivor Phillips (son-in-law), Lord Camrose and Sir Gomer Berry (brothers), the Hon. Michael Berry, and the Hon. Denis Berry (nephews), Mr. W. Jones (brother-in-law), and Mr. R. NacNair Scott.

Mrs. Berry-Jones died of heart failure after a short illness on Wednesday, at Farnham Chase, Farnham Royal, Bucks, the residence of Sir Gomer Berry.

Professor Baily Dixon.

The body of Professor Harold Baily Dixon, of Fallowfield, Manchester, will be cremated to-morrow after a service at St. James's, Birch-in-Rusholme. Professor Dixon, who was a member of the Council of the University of Manchester, died suddenly on Thursday on Lytham Station after attending a meeting.

COLLEGE'S NEW CHAPEL.

Prince George will visit Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex, on October 18, to open the new tower and to attend a service of thanksgiving in connection with the completion of the Chapel, which is considered to be one of the finest in the country.

Hurstpierpoint is the first of the schools founded by Canon Woodard to complete its chapel and during the past six years a sum of £10,000 has been subscribed and spent on the chapel, and over £34,000 upon other improvements to the college.

The charge for Society Announcements on this page is one guinea for three lines or less and 5s. for each line after. A line contains about seven words. All announcements are subject to editorial approval, and should be addressed to the Social Editor, "Sunday Times," 186, Strand, W.C.2.

MUST WAIT FOR ARCHANGEL.

CURIOUS HITCH UNDER OLD LAW.

ST. MICHAEL'S FEAST—AND CORN RENT.

A curious application was made at Middlesex Sessions yesterday, when Mr. P. E. Sandlands applied, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, and the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty, for the appointment of three referees to inquire into and ascertain the average price of a Winchester bushel of marketable wheat in the County of Middlesex during the past fourteen years in order that the amount of the corn rent awarded by a local Act of 1803 to the Vicar of Harrow and the Dean and Chapter might be reascertained.

Counsel explained that at the time the Act was passed the Michaelmas Sessions were directed to be held in the week of the Feast of St. Michael.

The Chairman, Sir Montagu Sharpe, K.C., remarked that the archangel had not had his feast yet.

The application was adjourned until half an hour before the opening of the next sessions, in order to avoid any dispute as to the direction given in the local Act.

WHERE PICKWICK FOUGHT THE CABMAN.

END OF A FAMOUS HOTEL

Another link with the London of the past was broken yesterday when the Golden Cross Hotel, in the Strand, previously the coaching hostelry immortalised by Dickens, closed its doors to the public for the last time. The Crown lease has expired, and the building is to be demolished.

There was a Golden Cross inn in the village of Charing when the Strand of to-day was a riverside ramble. Later, when Trafalgar Square was a stone yard, when Hungerford Market with its winkle-stalls stood on the site of Charing Cross Station, and the old suspension bridge stretched across the river, the sign of the Golden Cross cheered the traveller in search of bed and board.

It was to the Golden Cross that David Copperfield came after his arrival by coach from Canterbury. It was there that Dickens represented Pickwick's encounter with the cabman, and it was from that inn that Pickwick drove in the Commodore coach to Rochester. In the heyday of coaching, about a hundred years ago, three hundred coaches a day passed the inn.

Although the old Golden Cross of which Dickens wrote was pulled down in 1830, part of the cobbled back yard remains to-day.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

A SPORTING ESTATE IN HAMPSHIRE.

A freehold residence in a good situation on the Dorset coast between Bridport and Lyme Regis, and enjoying glorious views over the surrounding country is on offer by Harrods, Ltd. The house is fitted with all modern appliances, main drainage, garage, studios, and useful outbuildings, and 2½ acres of pleasure grounds.

Wimpey and Co., Ltd., The Grove, Hammersmith, have on offer a number of freehold residences at very reasonable rates. The houses are situated at Hounslow, are well built, and are close to Hounslow and Hounslow Central Railway Stations.

A residential and sporting estate in North Hants, with 300 acres, is offered by Cooksey and Walker, of 17, Market Place, Reading. The mansion is in the 17th century style, is commodious, and has central heating, main water, electric light, and drainage. Garage and stabling, with living accommodation, two lodges and six cottages, modern farm house, and buildings.

F. L. Mercer and Co. have in the market a freehold residence in Surrey, overlooking Ashtead Woods and within thirty-five minutes of London. The property is modern and in perfect order. Electric light, gas, water, main drainage, large brick-built garage, and 1¼ acres of well stocked gardens. The price asked is tempting.

At Chiltern Court, Baker Street, W., now a favourite district for residential flats, there are some reasonably priced suites, ranging from a ten-roomed mansion flat to a three-room bachelor flat, available. There is also a well-appointed restaurant, and many other attractive features. Can be inspected at any time.

People in search of town, suburban, and country houses should study our advertising columns. Furnished houses and flats are also offered in convenient localities.

PRINCE TAKAMATSU.

Prince and Princess Takamatsu of Japan visited Peterborough Cathedral yesterday, and were shown over the Minster by the Dean. The Prince and Princess took special interest in the tomb of Queen Katherine of Aragon, over which a standard given by Queen Mary will be hung on Thursday.

Prince and Princess Takamatsu afterwards left for Crowland Abbey and Ely Cathedral.

A "MEMORIAL GARDEN."

"The Memorial Garden" is the name which the Deptford Beautification and Social Amenities Committee propose to designate a shrubbery adjoining the War Memorial in Lewisham High Road. A sundial, the gift of Mr. Frank Mortimer, is to be erected in the garden. The pedestal will be of Canadian dolomite, locally named Niagara stone, and is actually a portion of the stone sent to this country by the Ontario Government for the construction of Ontario House, Strand.

LONDON DOCK WEEK.

A party of nearly 200 people who, at the invitation of the Port of London Authority, visited the London and Tilbury Docks yesterday, concluded their tour with a visit to the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich. There they saw the log of the Dreadnought, the old hospital ship, which was moored in the Thames from 1821 to 1870. One entry stated that the Thames was so blocked with ice that the commander could not get ashore.

Dock Week starts to-day, and the docks will be open for inspection by the public.

HONOUR FOR SAVOYARD.

The luncheon in honour of Sir Henry Lytton, the famous Savoyard, to be given in the Savoy Hotel on Tuesday, October 21, will be presided over by Mr. Lloyd George. People from every grade of society have written to the promoters desiring to be associated with the occasion, including:—

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Sir Charles Batho, Earl Beauchamp, Viscount Brentford, Lord Burnham, Lady Constance Butler, Lord Camrose, the Dean of Canterbury (the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard), Sir George Chrysta Mr J. R Clynes, M.P., Sir Arthur Crosfield, Lady Cunard, Baroness de Bush, Earl of Derby, Mr. Rupert D'Oyly Carte, Sir Gerald du Maurier, Sir Harold Elverston, the Viscountess Erleigh, Sir Warren Fisher, Sir J. Forbes-Robertson, Sir Edward German, Lady Gilbert, Sir Ernest Gowers, Sir John Martin-Harvey, Mr. Seymour Hicks, Sir Thomas Inskip, Dame Madge Kendal, Mr. A. E. W. Mason, Sir Herbert Morgan, Lady Moss, Sir Arthur Pinero, Earl of Plymouth, Lord Queenborough, Baroness Ravensdale, Sir Milsom Rees, Sir Landon Ronald, the Lord Chancellor, Earl of Shaftesbury, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., and Mrs. Snowden, Miss Marie Tempest, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry, Sir Godfrey Thomas, Sir Robert Vansittart, Colonel Sir Ronald Waterhouse, the Recorder of London, and Mr. Henry Ainley.

Application for tickets should be made at an early date to Mr. Noel Curtis-Bennett, 60, Adelphi Terrace, W.C.2.

100 YEARS' WORK FOR SCIENCE.

CENTENARY APPEAL FOR £40.000.

TO HELP BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The British Association is to celebrate its centenary next year—its meeting will be held for the first time in London under the Presidency of General Smuts—by the creation of a Centenary Fund, which, it is hoped, will reach £40,000. During this week an appeal to this end, signed by Dr. F. O. Bower (this year's president), Professor J. L. Myres and Professor F. J. M. Stratton (general secretaries), Sir Josiah Stamp (general treasurer), and other officers, will be issued.

It will point out that as modern life itself advances it becomes more and more dependent upon science, and that the Association, which is doing, as it has already done, so much to promote study and research, and give the results to the world, has throughout its 100 years' existence been self-supporting. The sum it is now attempting to raise will, it is felt, be commensurate on the one hand with the value of the work already done by the Association, and on the other with the opportunities for extended usefulness which the opening of a new century of its existence will present.

Discussing the coming appeal with a representative of the Sunday Times yesterday, an official of the Association enlarged upon these objects. He pointed out that actually its valuable work is carried on with resources which, by comparison, are astonishingly small. The average income from subscriptions at £1 per annum, dividends and endowment fund, and sale of publications, etc., is only £5,600 a year, and the expenditure about £4,150. The balance is not carried forward, but, after meeting certain extra and fluctuating claims, is devoted to research. In the years 1924-9 sums averaging £1,100 have been so utilised.

LEADERS FOR LONDON.

"What we require," he added, "is a greater annual income which will enable us to celebrate the centenary in a fitting manner, by assembling in London the great figures in all branches of science both at home and in the Dominions. That will be a very expensive item in our expenditure next year.

"Then the Association is gladly undertaking the custody of Down House, Charles Darwin's Kentish home vested by the generous donor, Mr. George Buckston Browne, F.R.C.S., in the Association in custody for the nation, and maintained as a memorial. We accepted liability for about £3,000 in respect of its restoration—an unexpected call, but one gladly met—and we now hope to add to the scientific value and uses of the estate by increasing the collection of Darwinia already there, with the use of the property for the direct benefit of research as an ideal awaiting the possibility of realisation."

A further object it is desired to attain is closer touch with other organisations at home and overseas.

"We are frequently invited," said the official, "to nominate representatives or delegates to attend the meetings of other institutions, celebrations, etc., at home, in the Dominions, and in foreign countries. At present our ability to do so is usually limited by the chance of discovering any suitable representative who may intend to be present in any event. But occasions arise when the Association would have sufficient reason to appoint representatives if it were in a position to contribute to the expenses of their attendance. At present it is not.

"A substantial increase in our endowment will also permit us to make the Association a more effective agent of publication—we have now no systematic provision for recording discussions (often very important) at our meetings; to prove a less exacting guest in the localities of our meetings (where funds are now raised to entertain us); and to extend facilities for junior students."

The Association's officials hope and believe that the appeal will meet with a wide and generous response.

BRIGHTON SPA.

SCHEME FOR SWIMMING AND MEDICAL BATHS.

Brighton may soon be a spa centre again, as it was more than a century ago. The Town Council is being urged to build a sea-water swimming bath, with medical baths, and a special clinic for rheumatic cases.

A large site in West Street was bought by the council, a few years ago, from Sir Oswald Stoll, who at one time planned to build a big amusement palace. This site, now regarded as suitable for a bathing establishment, is within a few yards of the centre of the town front.

A rival scheme has been put forward. Someone has offered to rent the land and provide an amusement park. But the spa scheme has most supporters at present. A sub-committee of the council has been appointed to go into details.

APPEAL FOR £10,000.

Mr. Edgar Wallace appeals for £10,000, urgently needed by the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, to enable the committee to continue the relief of distressed publishers, wholesalers, and retailers of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals. The Society's ninety-first year's festival will be held at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, W., on Thursday, October 23, and Mr. Wallace will preside.

THE CRANMER PICTURE.

The picture of Archbishop Cranmer, which is stated to be an eighteenth century copy of sixteenth century unsigned original, and which is the subject of a charge at Marlborough Street Police Court, is believed by the police to be the property of Mr. A. R. Loeb, of America. Since the two men charged with stealing the picture were remanded, Scotland Yard has endeavoured to trace the owner, and their belief is that Mr. Loeb, who is living in New York, but who was formerly at Oxford, lost it last February.

RECTOR'S SUNDAY CLUB.

The Rev. J. R. Sankey, rector of St. Andrews-in-the-Wardrobe church, Queen Victoria Street, is opening a club to-day in St. Michael's Retreat, Ludgate Hill, for City and West End workers living in flats, lodgings and hotels, who find Sunday their loneliest day.

"I am converting the Dinner Hour Club for City Workers into a club for the Trusty Friends, as we shall call ourselves. We will have music, refreshment, and the friendship of the members," he said.

Mr. Sankey said that at least eighty would be at the opening and they hoped for many more.

A DOUBLE ENGAGEMENT.

An interesting double engagement is announced from Yorkshire. Miss Kathleen Eleanor Buttle Byass, the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Charles Byass, and Mrs. Byass, of Bainton, Driffield, East Yorks, and her sister Miss Elsie Marjorie Byass, are both to be married.

Miss Kathleen Byass is engaged to Mr. Frank Alwyn Taylor, a student and tutor of Christ Church, Oxford, the eldest son of Mr. Francis Collingwood Taylor and the late Mrs. Taylor, of Auckland, New Zealand. They will be married quietly in November.

Her sister will be married in October to Mr. William Nathaniel Gurdon, the younger son of Mr. Philip Gurdon, of Guernsey, and Mrs. Gurdon, of Slinfold, Sussex.

PRIEST'S LAMENT IN HIS WILL.

'NEVER PROVIDED WITH LIVING WAGE.'

26 YEARS AT £150 PER ANNUM.

That the Church "had never provided him with a living wage" is the complaint contained in the will of the Rev. Thomas Smith Cogswell, of Kent Terrace, Meopham, who was for twenty-six years vicar of Cringleford, Norwich.

Mr. Smith left £5,986, with net personalty £5,502. His will stated:—

> This is the last will and testament of me Thomas Smith Cogswell, formerly of the Vicarage, Cringleford, Norwich, but now of Meopham, Kent, eldest son of the late Napoleon Thomas Cogswell, of The Lances, Meopham, Kent, aforesaid, descended from the Coggeswells Coggeswells, of Westbury and Dilton, Wiltshire, and through them collaterally with the American Cogswells and more remotely from the Cogshalls, Coxalls and Coggeshalls of Essex, Suffolk, and Norfolk.
>
> What property I die possessed of is the residue of my inheritance, as the Church has never provided me with a living wage. None of my property is the result of stipend for life-long clerical labour. My charitable dispositions have been dispensed in my lifetime, chiefly upon church building or restoration.

(According to the Clergy List the value of the living of Cringleford is given as £150 per annum with a house.)

Another interesting clerical will is that of the Rev. Henry Hollingworth, of West Bank, Sutton Valence, Kent, who was Senior Fellow and the last under the Founders' Statute, of King's College, Cambridge. Mr. Hollingworth left £7,277, with net personalty £5,129, and by his will directed that there should be no singing at his funeral, "but I do not object to the organ being played." He desired that he should be buried in a slight and simple coffin and robed in cassock, surplice, and red stole.

He also desired that Emma Titchener, "who has been many years in my service, and to whom I am most grateful for her care and kindness to me," should be independent for the remainder of her life, and he therefore left to her an annuity of £150 and a legacy of £40.

OVER £30,000 FOR CHARITY.

Under two wills proved yesterday over £30,000 will pass to charitable objects. Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Smith, of West Mall, Clifton, who left £27,688 with net personalty £24,393, left the whole of her estate, with the exception of a few personal legacies, to be divided among nineteen charitable and philanthropic institutions. Miss Mary Reid, of Glen Huntly, Port Glasgow, who left £21,710 personal estate in Great Britain, left £6,000 each to Greenock Eye Infirmary and the Glasgow Branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

A CRICKETER'S MEMORIAL.

Mr. Robert William Jesson, of Holyrood, Archess Road, Southampton, left estate of the gross value of £87,417, with net personalty £23,364. In addition to a number of bequests to servants, he left his shares in the Hampshire Cricket Ground Co. to the Hampshire County Cricket Club in memory of his son, Major R. W. F. Jesson, the former Hampshire cricketer, who lost his life in Mesopotamia during the war. He also left his debentures in Stoneham Golf Club to the club in memory of his son.

In addition to other bequests, Mr. Jesson left £1,000 each to each of his nephews and nieces "whose actual address shall have been traced or ascertained by the trustees within twelve months of my death." His will added:—

> I direct that my executors shall have an absolute discretion in interpreting my will and any codicils in carrying out the provisions thereof with a view to avoiding all possibility of any difference of opinion or dispute, and I hope that there will never be any disagreement amongst my children or relatives, and that in carrying out my wishes there will always be great unanimity amongst them.

OTHER WILLS.

	GROSS VALUE.
JOHN ROBERT CRISP, of Kirby Cane Hall near Bungay Norfolk (net personalty £153,048)	£164,424
LEWIS HOWARD LLOYD, of Ridge Road, Berea, Durban, Natal, and of Coedmore, Cardigan (unsettled estate in England of the gross value of £15,556, with net personalty £8,487, and settled lands valued for probate at £31,177, making a total of the English property passing at his decease of)	£46,734
Mrs. MARGARET BLAIR COLLBRAN, of the Wellington Hotel, Tunbridge Wells (net personalty £38,746)	£39,899
WILLIAM ROLLAND, of High Street, Paisley, clothier and outfitter (personal estate in Great Britain)	£34,595
Captain CECIL PATRICK THOMAS FOSTER, of Kemnay, Eastview Terrace, Barry, Glamorgan, formerly master of the s.s. Trevessa, which foundered in the Indian Ocean in January, 1923, and whose crew he piloted in open boats for a voyage of over 1,700 miles to Mauritius	£299

THE KING'S VINE.

OVER 1,000 BUNCHES OF GRAPES THIS YEAR.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WINDSOR, Saturday.

The King's grape vine, near Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park, is bearing over a thousand splendid bunches this year, many of which have been cut and sent by their Majesties to hospitals and other institutions. Some of the bunches weigh two or three pounds.

The vine was planted over 160 years ago. It is of Black Hamburgh variety. Despite its great age the vine is in a wonderful state of preservation, and has this year grown a great number of new shoots.

The vine keeper has kept constant watch on the vine, and he says that, although part of the old trunk is showing signs of decay, the new branches are in a very healthy state.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS.

The Royal Parks Band, specially augmented to thirty-seven performers, will play in Hyde Park this afternoon from 3 to 5, and this evening from 7 to 9.

LIFE BOAT MATINEE.

The King and Queen, the patrons of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, will be present at a matinée in aid of the life-boat service to be held at the London Hippodrome on November 7. This will be the fourth annual life boat matinée in London organised by the Central London Women's Committee of the Ladies' Life Boat Guild, of which the Viscountess Bertie of Thame is chairman.

Among the artistes who have already promised their services are Miss Beatrice Lillie, Mr. Henry Ainley, Madame Paulette, Mademoiselle Mireille Perrey, Mr. Debroy Somers and his band, Lady Plunket, Mr. Frank Leveson, Mr. Walter Fennell, the St. Moritz Skaters, Miss Wendy Toye, and Miss Beryl Laverick.

HIGH CHIPPENDALE PRICES.

At the five days' sale which commenced last Monday at Ufford Place, Woodbridge, Suffolk, the residence of the late Mrs. Constance Brooke, prices ruled high throughout. Some of the principal items were a set of Chippendale mahogany chairs, 1,350 guineas; a Chippendale pole firescreen with petit-point and gros-point needlework panel, 150 guineas; an eighteenth century needlework screen in two leaves, worked in petit-point, 300 guineas; a Queen Anne black and gold lacquer secretaire cabinet, 160 guineas.

The principal items in the pictures were Madonna and Child at a Balcony, School of Bellini, 420 guineas; an altar piece in nine panels, 100 guineas; and a full-length portrait of a Child by Opie, 74 guineas. Hampton and Sons, of St. James's Square, were the auctioneers.

GENERAL RAIN LIKELY.

MORE GALES FROM THE ATLANTIC.

TEMPERATURE MODERATE TO COOL.

ENGLAND.—Wind westerly, fresh, backing and increasing; probably showers at first; cloud increasing and probably more general rain later; moderate temperature.

SCOTLAND.—Wind north-west or west, fresh or strong, squally, backing; showers and bright intervals; cloud increasing later; rather cool.

ENGLISH CHANNEL. — Wind westerly, strong, squally, moderating somewhat, backing later; showers; bright intervals; sea very rough.

AIR PASSAGES.—Wind west to south-west, 20 to 30 m.p.h. squalling to 40-50 m.p.h. at surface, 45-50 m.p.h. at 2,000 feet. Squally showers and mainly cloudy. Visibility 5-10 miles.

By OUR METEOROLOGICAL EXPERT.

The gale which had sprung in the South-West on Friday afternoon spread during the night to nearly the whole of England, south of a line from the Mersey to the Humber, and proved the most violent September storm for many years. Its worst fury was felt in the Channel and on the South Coast, where the average velocity of the south-westerly to westerly wind ranged from forty-five to over sixty miles an hour throughout a large part of yesterday, and rose to about seventy miles an hour in the strongest squalls.

The storm was due to an abnormally large and deep cyclone which arrived over Southern Ireland from the Atlantic on Friday evening, sending the barometer down to the very low September level of 28¾ in. This disturbance travelled quickly north-eastward across Wales and England. In addition to the severe gale, it brought torrential rain to a large part of Britain, many regions having the equivalent of over 50,000 tons of water to the square mile.

SLOW TO IMPROVE.

In the wake of the cyclone the tempest subsided very gradually, and the weather was slow to improve. Last evening, although the barometer had been rising steadily for many hours, Southern England was still being swept by 40 to 50 miles an hour squalls and frequent heavy showers.

After a warm night, during which London's temperature did not fall below 57 deg.—2 deg. above the normal minimum for midsummer—a down rush of Polar air made the day decidedly chilly. At Kew the thermometer reading of 61 deg. at 2 p.m. equalled the mid-September average, but other districts were much colder, Oxford reporting only 52 deg.

There are signs that a renewal of gales will not be long delayed. Another large storm centre is bearing down on our western seaboard from the Atlantic, and its effects seem likely to be felt over most of the country within the next twenty-four hours. A continuance of rough and very unsettled conditions is indicated for several days.

BABY WILD HORSE AT THE ZOO.

BIRD'S CAMOUFLAGE.

By OUR ZOO CORRESPONDENT.

The pair of Prjevalski's wild horses exhibited in the park paddocks at the Zoo have become the parents of a strong healthy foal. As these animals are provided with comparatively spacious accommodation, there was no necessity to keep this Zoo baby hidden away from visitors, nor has the father been separated from his family, and within a few hours of birth the little animal could be seen stumbling after the mare as she walked about the paddock.

Due to his long legs the foal is slightly ungainly, but he is a most attractive youngster. His coat, instead of being light brown in colour and rather coarse in texture like the hair of the parent animals, is a delicate shade of beige, and has a woolly curly appearance. Those who want to have a close view of him should entice the mare to the bars, for he follows her everywhere, and although both his mother and father will prevent him from approaching close to the barrier, the young creature is always inquisitive enough to try and push forward.

Prjevalski's wild horse is an interesting animal found in the deserts of Mongolia. In several ways he is the intermediate between the domestic horse and the Asiatic wild ass, and combines characteristics of each of these creatures. He has shorter ears and a more hairy tail than the ass, while on his forelegs are the callosities present on the horse but not on the ass, and therefore he bears a close resemblance to a sturdy domestic horse.

A large collection of birds and langur monkeys has been deposited in the Gardens by Mr. W. J. C. Frost, the naturalist, but though many of the birds are expected to become permanent inmates of the menagerie, as yet the Zoo has only purchased several birds-of-paradise and a frog-mouth.

The frog-mouth is a large Australian night-jar, and not for some time has the Zoo possessed an example of these peculiar-looking birds. As his name suggests, the frog-mouth has a mouth similar in shape to that of the frog, and so enormous that he can take with ease a frog or small bird, while another of his characteristics is the success of his protective colouring. For when perched on a branch his owl-like plumage is such an excellent camouflage that he can hardly be seen.

Autumn is now in full possession of the Gardens. The birds are moulting rapidly, and consequently wear a depressed and slightly ashamed air; the mammals are putting the finishing touches to their new thick coats; the reptiles are becoming sluggish, and those in the outdoor reptile enclosure have hidden away. The hibernators are growing sleepy and their appetites are falling off.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton left Liverpool yesterday for three months' lecture tour in America.

Mr. J. A. Edwards, a barrister of the Middle Temple, has been formally adopted as prospective Liberal candidate for South Tottenham.

Mr. George Piper, chief clerk for the past twelve years at the Hull branch of the Bank of England, died suddenly yesterday from heart failure.

Frederick Siddall and George Davis, two of the four men admitted to Chesterfield Hospital on Friday suffering from shock and burns received in a shot firing explosion, have died.

The body of the man found in a wood near the Oaks Estate, Carshalton, on Friday evening, has been identified as that of Mr. Adrian Ingram James (40), an accountant, of Earl's Court Road, W.

To celebrate his return for Bromley at the recent bye-election, Mr. T. Campbell will be entertained at a "victory dinner" by members of Bromley Constitutional Club on October 17.

The National Pig Breeders' Association reports the consignment overseas of a further 77 pure-bred pigs since the beginning of September, bringing the total number since the beginning of August to 130, and the total for the year to 257.

Dr. John B. McEwen, Principal of the Royal Academy of Music, will be one of the speakers at the opening session of the Islington Choral Society to-morrow evening. The meeting will take place at the Central Library Hall, Holloway Road.

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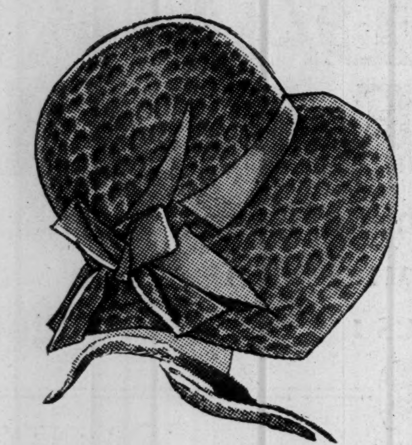

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Court and Society

The presence of the Queen at the annual ghillies' ball at Balmoral was greatly appreciated, as it had been feared that this year their Majesties would not attend it. The Duke of Gloucester and Prince George were also there, and took their turn in dancing with favoured old retainers. Princess Helena Victoria is making a short stay at the Castle, and when her Highness leaves at the end of this week she intends to go to stay with the Duke of Connaught for a while at Bagshot Park. There have not been many guests of note at Balmoral recently, though one evening Lady Bernard Gordon-Lennox was favoured with an invitation to dinner, and Admiral Sir Henry and Lady Hermione Buller have also been similarly honoured.

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Lord and Lady Nunburnholme returned to town for a few days during the week, but have now gone to spend the week-end with the Marquis of Bath at Longleat. Lord and Lady Nunburnholme could be seen dancing together at the Embassy Club on Thursday night, Lady Nunburnholme looking very well in a black spotted net frock. Others there at supper-time were the Hon. Ivor Guest (whom I saw dancing with Mrs. Robin d'Erlanger, also a wearer of black) and Mrs. James Corrigan, in a white lace dress with a basque, who left the following morning for Loch Choire, on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry. The Duc de Nemours and Prince Ali Khan were among interesting foreigners in the redecorated premises. It is not generally known that Mrs. Corrigan has produced some charming verses, under the pseudonym of the Duchess of Fewitz. They may be perused by anyone visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, for there have been placed on exhibition in the library three volumes received by the bequest of her late husband, James W. Corrigan. Each contains a short poem by the "Duchess of Fewitz," the text written and illuminated on vellum, with borders, initial letters, and other decorations in colour and raised gold. Each poem is further embellished with full-page miniatures by Sydney H. Metyard, and the title-pages are similarly treated. The volumes arouse much admiration, for they are sumptuously bound in whole levant leather, inlaid and set with jewels, and have levant doublures and watered-silk fly-leaves, all elaborately gold-tooled.

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Sir Laming Worthington-Evans and his daughter have just arrived from Vichy. Other foreign spas have had their share of English visitors this year, among whom have been the Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville, who went to Evian. She is now however, spending most of the time at Polesden Lacey. Lord Aberconway also went to Evian, and he was accompanied by his grand-daughter, Miss Rosalind Norman. The Hon. Lady Ward selected Vichy for her cure, Lady Ludlow once again chose Baden-Baden, and the Marchioness of Huntly did so too. The Hon. Mrs. Rochfort Maguire was at Vittel for a time, and Aix-les-Bains was, perhaps, favoured most largely by an English contingent, which included—as on many former occasions—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baldwin, Sir Ian Malcolm, Lord Forres and Admiral the Hon. Sir Victor and Lady Stanley, these last three with the ex-Premier being among the most faithful of Aix's adherents.

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There was a large congregation at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Wednesday for the marriage of Lady Helena Rous to Major Douglas Beresford-Ash, and the reception at the bride's home in Belgrave Square was equally crowded. The Earl of Stradbroke gave away his daughter, whose face was quite concealed by the heavy pattern of the beautiful old Brussels lace veil which she wore falling straight down as she walked up the aisle. Heavy deep cream satin composed the dress, and the train was of the same, covered with more Brussels lace. Her bevy of attendants made an attractive picture with their flowing veils of turquoise blue tulle, which were worn with pale gold net skirts edged with ruching, the same trimming appearing round the hips, where deep vandyked points joined on to bodices of gold lace. The Countess of Stradbroke looked elegant in a slim-fitting coat of black satin trimmed with black fox fur, and her son, Viscount Dunwich, was present with his wife, who was all in powder-blue. The latter's brother, Captain Robin Grosvenor—prospective heir to the Duke of Westminster—came with Mrs. West, who wore red, and the bride's married sister, Lady Plesance McKenna, was another in blue. The Countess of Northbrook was chatting with the Hon. Lady Norman at the reception, the former in black and the latter in dark blue and pink. Sir Archibald and Lady Edmonstone, the latter in black with a deep collar of real ermine; Lord Askwith, with his wife, in blue; Lady Clodagh Anson, in navy blue; the Hon. Anne MacDonnell, with her mother; the Dowager Lady Swaythling, very smart in a turban toque of black and white; and the bride's two young brothers, the Hon. Peter and the Hon. George Rous, who acted as ushers, I also noticed. The big double drawing-room, which has cream walls and crimson curtains, was used for the display of presents as well as an adjoining closet, and people were rather wondering what the bridal couple will do with all their household gifts, as they propose to go and live in a *ménage à quatre* with the groom's parents in Northern Ireland. Lady Charlotte Rous gave her sister a beautiful dressing-case of green morocco with gold engine-turned fittings, and among the presents was a smaller case containing silver and tortoiseshell things. Lady Stradbroke's gifts include an antique black and gold lacquer-work table, a lynx stole, a leather motor-coat trimmed with black beaver, a diamond and sapphire ring, and an old paste bandeau; and Lord Stradbroke has given a saddle, a portable wireless set, and a cheque. Viscount Dunwich and his wife have sent an armchair, the Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk and Lady Leucha Warner an inlaid tea-caddy, the Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk a silver milk-jug, the tenants at Henham Hall a crystal and silver salad bowl, and the household and staff a silver kettle.

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Viscount and Viscountess Brentford are among the many who have been paying visits in Scotland. They have been staying with Mr. Cecil Hanbury and his wife at Arndilly, in Banffshire, where other guests included Sir Alexander Godley, Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, and Colonel and Mrs. Arthur McGrath.

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Mrs. Robin d'Erlanger did not spend so much time as usual this year at her old home, Braemar Castle, and did not go to the Gathering, as she and her father, Colonel Farquharson of Invercauld, always made a point of doing when her mother was alive. Now she is in London at her attractive house in Montagu Square, which she and her husband have treated with an artistic eye. The drawing-room has an Italian atmosphere about it, with walls of palest pink, deep jade green curtains, and much pickled oak furniture of attractive design. The dining-room is furnished with Chippendale, reseda green walls acting as a foil to the long curtains of bronze satin. The nursery where the baby daughter is housed during the day is all in palest pink, ceiling as well as walls, unstained oak being used for the furniture, while the night nursery is all white, with blue paint. Mrs. d'Erlanger's own room shows her preference for yellow, the walls being painted a pale shade of cowslip colour; the actual furniture is painted cream, outlined in apple green, and formerly belonged to the late Mrs. Farquharson. Yellow is used for the ceiling, and it will be seen that the fashionable preference for coloured ceilings is noteworthy in the house.

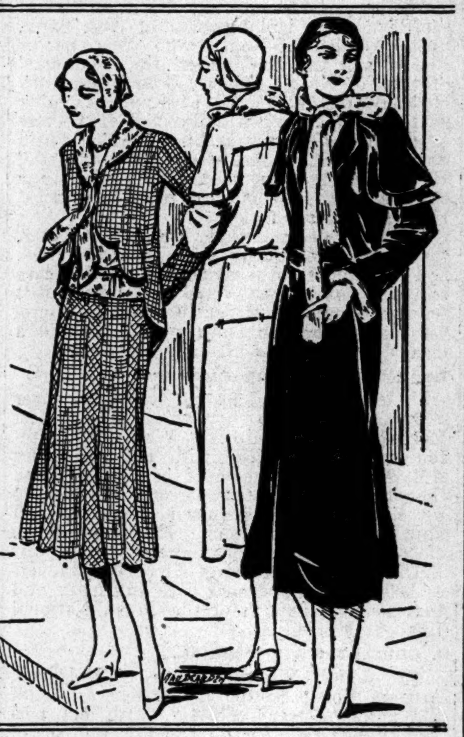
MAYFAIR.

Autumn Materials

NEW materials are more interesting than ever this season. Hopsacks, Jersey cloths woven in several colours, British and French tweeds of a cleverly adapted light weight, to wear beneath a wrap of heavier weave of the same pattern, are only some of the ideas of the enterprising manufacturer.

The sketch to the left shows a coat and skirt of fine check tweed. An inner sleeveless waistcoat of beige baby lamb is belted in at the waist. The scalloped coat dips deeply at the back, and the skirt with its inset bands, has godet panels.

The coat in the sketch to the extreme right (the centre one is the back view of this) is of black velvet or broadcloth, with double shoulder capes over each arm set into a straight yoke at the back.



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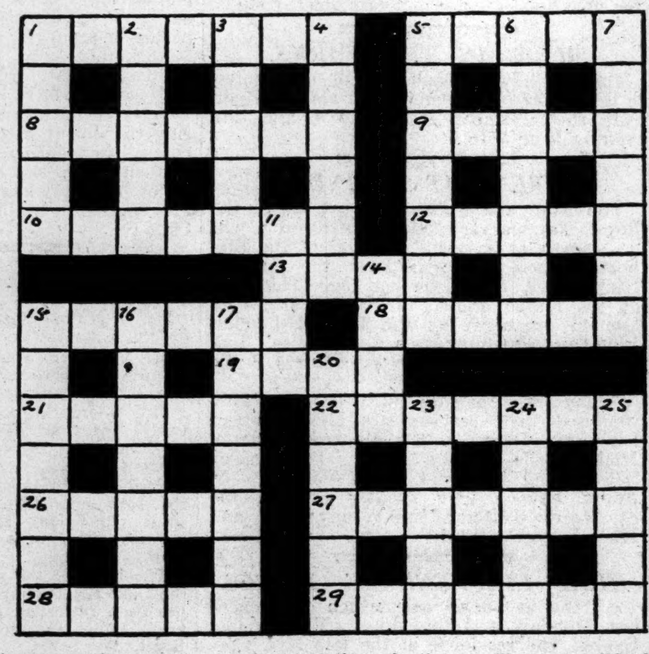

ACROSS.

1. Useful for building piers, and is so in a vessel.
5. The theory that he was our greatest poet is decidedly streaky.
8. Belt (sounds as if the hay may spoil).
9. Mediterranean vessel.
10. A pugnacious highlander.
12. Bring on (or an order to the dog).
13. A Dickens maiden.
15. An animal of degree favour.
18. Chain-male.
19. Worst (how odd!).
21. Handy comforts rather out of fashion.
22. If you are in this hurry, well, let her rip!
26. Useful rogue, maybe, if kept in hand.
27. Often a sore point with pedestrians.
28. Loop.
29. Increase.

DOWN.

1. This content is volume.
2. Creek.
3. More than certain.
4. A creed.
5. A. S. Coast resort.
6. An apartment little more than 1 dn.
7. Colour.
11. Feminine name.
14. Pre this is distinctly clerical.
15. Just the awkward clown to jostle his cousins.
16. A relative of the cow.
17. Loathsome.
20. The only sensible place wherein to seek a mare's nest.
23. Was responsible for a lot of Shakespearean mischief.
24. Bury.
25. An opening in the hills.

CROSS-WORD No. 298 PRIZEWINNERS.

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SOLUTIONS.—ACROSS: 1, Poltroon; 5, Wasp; 8, Customer; 9, Omen; 11, Less; 13, Equip; 16, Tact; 18, Stripe; 20, Aegean; 21, Owen; 23, Edgar; 24, Stow; 28, Teak; 29, Cheshire; 30, Seth; 31, Drollery.

DOWN: 1, Pace; 2, Lash; 3, Rhode; 4, Odessa; 6, Armoured, 7 Pingpong; 10, Mete; 12, Stew; 14, Asbestos; 15 Braggart; 17, Cant; 19, Port; 22, Esther; 25, Ousel; 26, Fire; 27, Lely.

A Woman's Corner

The West Country.

Holiday Pictures.

By PANDORA.

The answers to the question: "Did you have a good holiday?" are many and varied. The reply "Ye-es on the whole," tells a tale of disappointment upon which pride puts a good face. The doubtful answer means that we went away with high hopes and that too many dolls turned out to be stuffed with sawdust. Hotels were crowded, food monotonous, weather not always good, people tiresome. Yet such is human nature that those whose holiday was only so-so are trying to forget the disagreeables and to present to themselves a composite picture of a pleasant holiday such as their friends expect them to report.

Now the real holiday season is over, except for the lucky ones lingering long in Scotland, and you hear the mournful cry: "Fires already! It makes winter seem so near!" I like the brave person who replied: "And what is wrong with winter evenings after all? Cosiness by the fire with the curtains drawn and plenty of books isn't so bad."

There is always some warm weather before autumn definitely begins, when the summer clothes look a little shy and ashamed of themselves in the face of the new autumn things in the shops, and the wide summer hats try to shrink out of sight. But however hot it may be within the next few weeks the chrysanthemums have settled themselves in, there is a crispness in the air, the evenings are darker, and for my part I find the aforesaid fires a most cheerful sight.

Lovely England.

Is there any country in the world more lovely and satisfying than these British Isles? With my hand on my heart I say "No."

There are grander countries, more magnificent scenery to be found, more brilliance of colour in the parts of the earth where colour is high and dazzling; there are great falls like Niagara and Victoria Falls, and rivers like the St. Lawrence (I mention all these things to save the travelled readers the trouble of doing so), mountains like the Andes and Himalayas, and all the other charms you can read of in the geographies and guide-books, but for intimacy, sweetness, historic interest, greenness, grandeur and variety within a limited range, can anything beat England?

Where will you find names more lovely than those to be discovered on a motor tour in the south and west of England? They are like beautiful beads in a rosary which caress your fingers as you touch them. St. Juliott, Dulverton, Water-row, Norton Fitz-warren, Ready Token, Ampney Crucis, Bovey Tracey, St. Keyne, Bere Alston, St. Columb Minor, St. Keverne (where does Cornwall find her saints?), St. Mawgan, Newton St. Petrock, Sampford Peverell, Wiveliscombe, Malmesbury, Avening—can't you hear the chiming of bells as well as feel the touch of perfect beads on a string?

Modernised?

The world is standardised, they say; motor-coaches, the wireless, uniformity in dress, cheap newspapers and magazines have invaded obscurity and done away with the mystery and charm of old England. Perhaps, if you look only at the obvious. But you need not search far below the surface to find charm and mystery and the echo of age-old traditions and feelings as you wander on golden days through an England as green in early September as it usually is in June.

True, I saw a boy in a Cornish lane herding cattle from a motor-cycle, and mourned for the shepherds with their pipes and their flocks. But true also that as we sped along a Somerset road the sound of music reached us, and we saw an entrancing picture of a wayside school with the children dancing in the playground, while two men and a girl fiddled, with their hearts in their finger-tips and their smiling eyes fixed on the earnest children fluttering in the sunshine.

True, the huge motor-coaches pound along the country roads. Half-forgotten villages with thatched cottages clustering around an ancient church and a wistful little war memorial to a dozen men who answered that clarion call to arms, find themselves included in a tour of the most lovely villages of—whatever county it may be. But turn off the road along which these monsters rush and you can lose yourself in the peace and old-worldliness of rural England.

Contrasts.

I saw hosts of trippers spilled out of motor-coaches to gaze with some bewilderment at the austere beauty of ancient and glorious Glastonbury, but we also lost our way deliciously in Devon and drove on a hot day for three or four miles through deep lanes like cool green tunnels, where never a human or an animal moved to break the charm, and the ferns brushed the sides of the car from the banks like long fine fingers. Dreamily one wondered what would happen if the lane proved to be real and not fairy-land, and a cart should meet us, but at heart one knew this was enchanted land. At last a Fairy Prince, turned by witchery into a small bunny, dashed away before us with little white scut shining to tell us that we were not alone in a green and gold world of our own.

True, Tintagel shocks the pilgrim, with its businesslike use of all the names sacred to the lovers of the old stories, its souvenirs, its commercialising of all that was romantic and lovely, but in a few minutes one is away from the parking places and the people, down by those great grim cliffs with a dark sea flowing below, and the sea-gulls wailing and crying like the ghosts of the old knights, far above our heads.

True, also, the factory-made jams, cakes, and fruit salads are to be found even in little villages, but we also discovered the rosy cheerful West Country woman of our dreams, who served us a tea to remember, spread under a tree standing sentinel over a valley village where no one stirred and only the ripple of a busy little stream far below reached our ears. Home-made jam, home-made cake, home butter and cream prepared in the little grey farmhouse were flanked with a bunch of flowers and seasoned with an invitation to pick as many apples as we wished. But, alas! two loud-voiced motorists wrangling over having missed the coast road entered our Eden and we fled, vowing that in such a spot only man was vile.

You can find large pretentious hotels, where the prices are high and the coffee cold, the furniture expensive, the coat-hangers and cupboards few, but you can also find old-fashioned country hotels where food and service are alike excellent and the proprietor, proud of his business and not above it, carves at a serving-table and personally supervises the comfort of his guests.

Memory's Gallery.

My mind is full of little pictures—a gallery where I can wander when the dull days come and rain and fog would blot out the memory of sunny hours. A blue sea rolling; of a garden where monks once walked, wherein flowers bloom, fruit ripens on the walls, and the murmur of a waterfall soothes one's senses; of sheep going over a bridge escorted by an anxious dog; of the heart of Dartmoor and the sundial at Launceston Castle; of an inquisitive gull perching within six feet of us to watch as we gazed at the grim magnificence of Boscastle cliffs; of Polperro Harbour at low tide; of a German ship coming into "Troytown" harbour; of the orchards of Somerset; of the gracious beauty of Bath; of a lovely garden in the shadow of Malmesbury Abbey; of the trees in Painswick Churchyard; of the air which blows across the valleys of the Cotswolds and the silver streak which means the Severn, and of those pathetic memorials which tell that war plucked from England the glowing flowers of splendid youth, of courage, of sacrifice.

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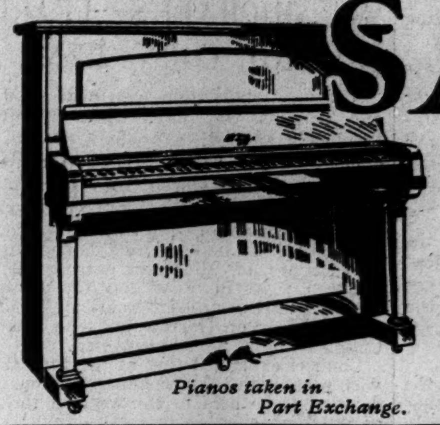

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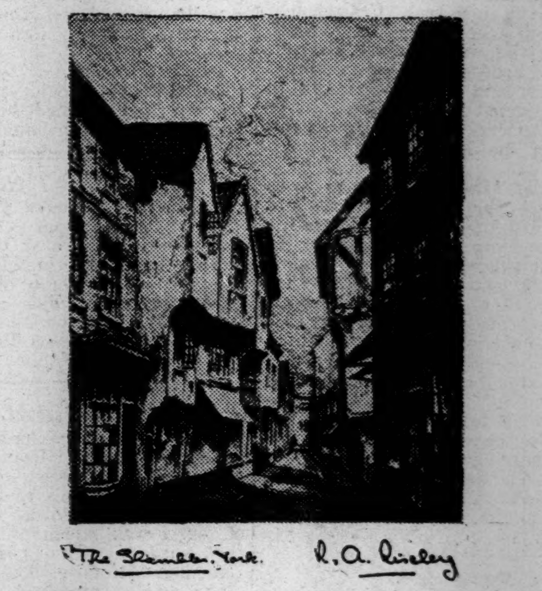

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TWO DIRECTORS ON TRIAL.

RECEIVING CARTLOADS OF STOLEN BRICKS.

TO PAY COMPENSATION AND COSTS.

Two directors of a building firm, pleading guilty to receiving a quantity of bricks, knowing them to have been stolen, were bound over at Middlesex Sessions, yesterday, and ordered to pay compensation and costs.

The men were Ernest Hodgson, 42, and Joseph Percy Hodgson, 32, of Messrs. Hodgson, Ltd., who, said Mr. St. John Hutchinson, prosecuting, were a most reputable firm doing work on a large scale at Tolworth, Surbiton. For this work they bought from the London Brick Company, through an agent, 800,000 bricks at 58s. 6d. a thousand. These bricks bore a special mark.

On July 26, Mr. Hutchinson said, a cartload of bricks, numbering about 3,000, was taken by three men from Brentford railway siding and dumped on Hodgsons' building estate at Tolworth, and on August 8 another load, of about 4,500 bricks, was taken by the men to the building estate. For these bricks the two defendants paid the men 10s. a thousand. The three men, charged at Brentford, were bound over and ordered to pay £5 each towards the cost of the prosecution.

130,000 BRICKS LOST.

During the past year, said counsel, the London Brick Company had lost, from the Brentford railway siding, 130,000 bricks. It was not suggested that any more of these had gone to the two defendants.

Detective-inspector Selby said the defendants, born in Sunderland, where the family carried on a building business, bore excellent records, and their family was very highly respected. Coming to London two years ago the men started building at Tolworth.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., defending, said the two men had worked hard all their lives; both were married and had children. Both men had been dismissed from the company, and each had lost a salary of £1,400 a year. The company was formed from a business started by their father twenty-seven years ago.

The chairman, Sir Montagu Sharpe, K.C., asked if they retained any interest in the company.

Sir Henry: None.

Sir Montagu said he hoped the Bench was doing the right thing in binding over the men in their own recognisances of £25 each, and each with a surety of a similar amount. They would also have to pay between them £100 costs, and compensation to the value of the bricks received.

BRITAIN'S LARGEST AEROPLANE.

TO CARRY FORTY.

A passenger flying ship, weighing thirty-five tons, and able to fly non-stop from Britain to Malta with forty passengers, has been ordered by the Civil Department of the Air Ministry. It will be the largest heavier-than-air craft to be built in this country.

It will be a monoplane and will have sleeping accommodation for the passengers, in addition to facilities for cooking and dining whilst in flight. Engines developing 5,100 h.p. will drive the craft at a speed of 160 miles an hour.

RUBBER FROM CRUDE PETROLEUM.

U.S. EXPERIMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

Rubber may soon be produced from crude petroleum, according to Dr. Burgess, Director of the United States Bureau of Standards, who has described experiments made by scientists of the Bureau to members of the Inter-American Conference on Agriculture, Forestry, and Animal Industry.

Rubber crystals have been produced in the laboratories of the Bureau, and if these can be developed the result will be a form of solid rubber, which may have special properties of its own.

Dr. Burgess added that the Bureau had examined samples of solid rubber claimed to have been produced in California from crude petroleum, but Government scientists were not yet prepared to pass judgment upon it. The substance is said to be produced by the extraction of certain hydrocarbons from the crude oil.—*Reuter.*

ECLIPSE IN 2983 B.C.

ANTIQUARIAN DISCOVERY ON A GOLF COURSE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GLASGOW, Saturday.

On a stone of great antiquity found near Glasgow there are shallow "cup and ring" markings.

Mr. Ludovic McL. Mann, a Glasgow archæologist, believes that these markings commemorate an eclipse of the sun in the year 2983 B.C., and that it was seen in the Glasgow district about three o'clock in the afternoon on the sixth day of the spring equinox.

The stone, which is part of solid rock, is in a break in a hedge on the new Cathcart Castle golf course at Whitecraigs, which was formerly the lands of Cleuch, or Stone, Farm. Mr. Mann was impressed by the similarity of the design to that on a carved boulder found some years ago in a wood at Langside, almost three miles away.

As the rock discovered on Cathcart Castle golf course cannot be removed, a cast will be taken of the design. The stone itself will be covered over for preservation.

NEWMARKET "TOTE."

COUNCIL'S ASSESSMENT FOR RATE.

Newmarket Rural Council have assessed the totalisator at the Rowley Mile grandstand on Newmarket racecourse at £500, and the July stand totalisator at £200.

They are in the parishes of Burwell and Stetchworth respectively, and as both these parishes are in Cambridgeshire, the Cambridgeshire Stakes is now run entirely in that county, whereas when the race finished at the Portland stand, now demolished, the race was run chiefly in Suffolk.

The bulk of the parish of Burwell is on Newmarket Heath, and in the event of the parish council deciding to levy a rate for its own purposes, the Jockey Club, as owners of the Heath, and the grandstand, pay quite half the rate.

The Jockey Club have protested against this several times, on the ground that they derive no benefit.

MODERN FURNITURE.

Heal and Son, Ltd., 196, Tottenham Court Road, W.1, are holding an exhibition of modern tendencies in furnishings at the Mansard Gallery until October 31. The exhibition shows the latest developments in furniture (including examples of the new metal furniture) and other furnishings, by present-day artists and craftsmen.

BERMONDSEY'S SLUMS.

ATTACK ON LONDON'S LONGEST STREET.

£100.000 SCHEME.

OLD TIME SPA OF EAST END.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The application of Bermondsey Borough Council for permission to borrow £100,000 for slum clearance marks a further advance of the policy of this authority to rid the district of slums which once included some of the worst housing areas in London.

Three years ago, after incredible difficulty and delay, a start was made to clear Hickman's Folly, the Jacob's Island of "Oliver Twist." This was followed by an attack on the Salisbury Street area, comprising about four acres of ground, on which were 151 houses inhabited by 1,035 persons. Now this task of rebuilding is proceeding the council makes its third advance on slumdom, among its objectives this time being Paradise Street and Rotherhithe Street.

Thus some of the oldest and most interesting property on Thames-side is brought under notice by the latest demolition scheme. Many years ago Bermondsey's proud boast to all London was voiced in the following doggerel:—

The longest street,
The greatest store,
The widest bridge,
The greatest bore.

There are not many people who can say what are these four things, but an old resident will explain that the longest street was Rotherhithe Street, 2½ miles; the greatest store, King and Queen Granary; the widest bridge, Millpond Bridge; and the greatest bore, the Thames Tunnel.

OLD WOODEN HOUSES.

It is on the 2½ miles of Rotherhithe Street that the new attack is proposed to be made. Anyone who wishes to see a real bit of old London, with wooden houses 200 years old, riverside inns with balconies overhanging the river, old wharves rich in ancient picturesqueness, and redolent with the W. W. Jacobs atmosphere, should explore its long, narrow, and winding length one Sunday morning. At any other time it would be difficult, for the wharves and warehouses are busy and dock traffic on the move, while the street is so narrow that two large vehicles have difficulty in passing.

Among the 2,300 people who will be affected by the clearance scheme in this area are those belonging to some of the oldest families in London. Bermondsey as a whole, lying in a loop of the river, is a backwater of London which has been least affected by the ebb and flow of population; its people retain marked characteristics as real Londoners, and Rotherhithe Street is a colony of them. They are the descendants of watermen who were once a prosperous fraternity of the riverside; some can trace back several generations of one family occupying the same house. To-day they retain a respectability far above the poverty to which they have sunk.

DESCENDANTS OF SEA CAPTAINS.

It is the same in other parts of Bermondsey. Everywhere may be found descendants of old sea-captains who were born and bred in Bermondsey and retired to spend their last days in style in Princes Street or Cherry Garden Street. Their old houses, with fine carved doorways and panelled rooms, are now let off in one-room tenements.

In the Paradise Street area, scheduled for demolition, it is reported that twenty-one adults and sixteen children were living in twelve rooms. In one back room a man, his wife, and five children were sleeping. Yet this is in the old parish of Horselydown, and at the back may be found a romantic bit of old London round St. John's Church of that parish, near which is the old charity school, with the carved figures of two children still to be seen adorning the front.

An old news sheet, published in 1784, contains the following account of bell-ringing in Horselydown:—

> Monday last being kept as the anniversary of Her Majesty's nativity, a grand opening of the new Peal of bells, erected at the Parish Church of St. John, Horselydown, took place, when a society of gentlemen, who were lovers of the art of ringing, gave ten gold-laced hats and a dinner to be rung for by different ringers. About 10 o'clock a set of young gentlemen ascended the tower to gratify a number of hearers with a specimen of their unparalleled abilities in that art. . . . They were obliged to quit the steeple through private doors in order to avoid the loud reception prepared for them by the auditors. After this the Society of Cumberland Youths ascended the steeple, and, amidst the acclamations of upwards of 10,000 spectators, rang the first peal compleat.

The bells of St. John's, Horselydown, have not been rung for many years.

VARIED HISTORY.

Though this part of London has come down in the world, no other borough has such a varied history. The Abbey of St. Saviour, Bermondsey, one of the greatest monastic houses in Southern England, has now disappeared without leaving a trace. There was once a spa at Bermondsey, with a chalybeate spring and entertainments in the summer seasons. John Timbs records the "delightful gardens" at Snow Fields, Bermondsey, where he spent his childhood, and Curtis, the author of the monumental "Flora Londinensis," first established in Bermondsey the famous botanical gardens, afterwards removed to Brompton. A century ago it was noted for market gardens, and old people can remember Pettit's farmhouse in Blue Anchor Lane.

It was the coming of the Greenwich railway in the forties that set Bermondsey on the downward grade. Much has been done in the past six years to raise it from the squalor into which it had sunk, and not the least has been the beautification scheme of the local council, which spent £10,000 in trees and plants.

RADIO SHOW RECORDS

BIG CROWDS AND HEAVY SALES.

More than 30,000 people passed through the turnstiles of Olympia during the first two days of the Radio Exhibition, which began on Friday.

An hour before the doors were due to open yesterday people were lining up in the rain, and by opening time more than 2,000 were in the queue. Women were in the majority.

The sale of radio sets has already touched a record figure. One firm took more orders on the opening day than during the whole of last year's exhibition. Another did enough business in the first fifteen hours to keep their factory working at full measure for the next six months.

"HOPPERS'" DRIVER CHARGED.

John Mitchell, a lorry driver, of Poplar, was fined £10 at Malling, Kent, yesterday and his licence was suspended for twelve months, for being drunk in charge of a lorry in which he was conveying hop-pickers home to Poplar.

NEW BRITISH WHALING VESSEL.

An 8,800-ton motor-driven tanker—the Leiesten—built specially for the use of the Anglo-Norwegian whaling fleet in the Antarctic, will be launched to-morrow at the Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth and Company (Shipbuilders) Ltd. yards at Wallsend. The vessel cost over £150,000, and has a tank capacity equivalent to 50,000 barrels of whale oil. It has been designed and strengthened to withstand ice pressure, and a special rudder has been fitted to facilitate passage between ice floes without loss of speed.

PLAYING HIMSELF IN.

DUKE OF YORK'S ORDEAL AT ST. ANDREWS.

NEW CAPTAIN OF ROYAL AND ANCIENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ST. ANDREWS, Saturday.

The new captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club is the Duke of York, and His Royal Highness will "play himself in" on Wednesday morning, when there is certain to be a great turn-out to witness the Duke drive a ball from the first tee.

It is the traditional practice for the ball to be retrieved by the caddies, who have a thrilling scamper in order to gain possession. The lucky caddie exacts a reward of a sovereign from the captain. An indication of how the captain is esteemed as a player is obtained by watching the position which the caddies take up as he is about to drive.

The Prince of Wales was the last member of the Royal house to be captain of the R. and A., and he had to go through the somewhat embarrassing ordeal a few years ago. At that time His Royal Highness was but a novice at the game, and his drive could not be described as an impressive effort; but since then he is a vastly improved player, thanks to the assiduous practice which he puts in at Royal St. George's and Le Touquet.

THE PRINCE'S WISH.

When the Prince was in Edinburgh recently he expressed the desire to go to St. Andrews to see his brother play himself in. "I should like to have the laugh on him," said His Royal Highness; but apparently he has had to give up the intention of being present, as there is no word of his being there on Wednesday.

The Duke of York is a good average player, and has played a good deal during the recent weeks he has been in Scotland, will arrive at St. Andrews on Tuesday evening, and will remain until Friday. After playing himself in he is expected to compete in the autumn stroke competition of the Royal and Ancient Club. He will also attend the club ball on Thursday evening.

CORSICAN'S BODY IN CELLAR.

A PARIS MYSTERY.

PARIS, Saturday.

Considerable mystery surrounds the discovery of the body of a man named Aqatella, a Corsican, which was found last night in the cellar of a block of buildings in the Place St. Georges. The body was discovered by the servant of a doctor who occupies one of the flats. A paper in one of his pockets enabled the police to identify him.

Inquiries show that he arrived in Paris last April, and went to live in the Hôtel d'Angleterre, in the Rue Montmartre. When he arrived he refused to give any details about himself. When the hotel proprietor insisted, he described himself as the managing director of a mining company.

Later, two young girls whom he said were his nieces came to the hotel and occupied an adjoining bedroom for some time. Aqatella left without his baggage, leaving behind an unpaid bill of 536 francs.

A post-mortem examination is being made, and the police are making further inquiries. —*Central News.*

ON SECRET SERVICE IN GERMANY.

OFFICER'S REVELATIONS.

This week the *Daily Telegraph* will publish an interesting and informative series of articles by a former member of the British Intelligence Service. Little is ever disclosed of the work done by the Secret Service, and a great deal of fiction passes for fact.

The writer, who, from Germany, corresponded with the British Admiralty, deals with the critical years from 1910 until the outbreak of the war. Every country has its Secret Service, but none was more effective than that of Great Britain, though other nations spent sums five and ten times greater than our own.

So fully was every development in the Kaiser's Navy reported, that when war broke out Germany had no surprises in store for us, in ship-construction, armour, guns, and shells. What it was necessary for the Admiralty to know was known. There was much that must still be guarded, but the writer indicates many ways by which valuable information was secured.

If melodramatic events were rare, the life brought its stirring incidents, and a cute brain and keen eye were always needed, with constant watchfulness.

SIR A. CONAN DOYLE'S SACRIFICES.

"HE IS ON HOLIDAY NOW."

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's financial sacrifices in the cause of spiritualism were referred to by his widow in an interview at Southampton yesterday. Sir Arthur's unsettled estate is expected to amount to £30,000, and Lady Conan Doyle said her husband would have died a richer man had he not devoted his later years to spiritualism.

"My husband would have made a much larger income," said Lady Conan Doyle, "had he continued to devote his time to literary work. We are very proud and glad to think that he spent himself as he did. We much prefer to be less well off and to know that the course of spiritualism has benefited.

"We have received several messages from my husband," Lady Doyle added. "He is very happy. He had lived a very strenuous life and he needed a holiday. He is taking that holiday now. He will have a message for the world before long."

SIR OTTO NIEMEYER IN NEW ZEALAND.

"NO JUSTIFICATION FOR DESPONDENCY."

WELLINGTON, N.Z., Saturday.

Interviewed at Christchurch on his way to Mount Cook, Sir Otto Niemeyer, of the Bank of England, declared that New Zealand was more happily situated than most other countries.

Sir Otto added that in his opinion rock-bottom had not yet been reached in the present world depression. Although he was not prepared to say that the value of New Zealand's primary products had reached the lowest point, he did not think there was any justification for despondency.—Reuter.

WIFE OF DIAMOND VALUE.

Frederick William Taylor (52), a steelwork erector, was bound over at Middlesex Sessions yesterday for sending a letter to his wife threatening to murder her.

He pleaded guilty, but told the Court that he had no intention of carrying out the threat, and added that his wife was "worth her weight in diamonds."

It was stated that Taylor and his wife separated. Later he sought a reconciliation, and in his depression said he would have revenge.

The Chairman (Sir Montagu Sharpe) told Taylor he was liable to ten years' imprisonment for the offence.

100.000 SHEEP TO BE KILLED

WHEN OTHER FARMERS WANT THEM.

CALL FOR ACTION.

AUSTRALIAN LACK OF CO-OPERATION.

Sheep after shearing, including sound breeding ewes, are being destroyed in large numbers in the North-Western areas of Australia.

This assertion is made by the *Sunday Times*, the leading newspaper of Perth, Western Australia, which declared in a recent issue that the eventual destruction would total 100,000 head of sheep or more. This is due to a lack of co-operation which would secure the transference of the sheep to farmers who would be glad of them.

Many farmers in the Wheat Belt need sheep badly (it is pointed out) owing to the rapid growth, following prolific rains, of weeds on fallow, in addition to which feed was most prolific. These sheep from the Carnarvon and other North-West districts could not, at present prices, be shipped to the Midland markets for sale, by reason of the fact that the cost of transport exceeds that of the price realisable. What applies in the Carnarvon district also applies in degree on the Murchison and elsewhere in pastoral areas.

STATE AID WANTED.

It is understood that squatters are willing to sell on six months' terms, but the "lion in the path" is the cost of railway and boat transport, in both of which the Government could lend a useful hand, if so disposed, by sharing the risk with the pastoralist.

It costs approximately 4s. per head to tranship sheep from the Murchison to the saleyards at Midland Junction, where the farmer, although needing sheep, has not the ready cash to pay for them. The result is that destruction of sheep has started, and all because of a lack of "get-together" which the railways and State-owned boats should initiate.

It is urged that "starving stock rates" or even something lower should be introduced and that owners should arrange a joint bill of sale from the farmer buyers and that the risk should be borne generally. Whatever the loss, if any, it would surely be insignificant compared to the value of the loss of so many destroyed sheep.

WOULD CREATE EMPLOYMENT.

The sheep are woolgrowers, which is worth something; they clean the fallow lands by eating weeds, they pulverise and manure the soil, they consume the self-sown crops, using feed that would otherwise go to waste, and the ewes produce lambs, which now find a ready and profitable market.

In these days of serious unemployment, such a course would create employment for many in droving, railway, stock agents, auctioneers, saleyards, shearing, wharf labouring, fencing, dam sinking, and other activities.

Action in this matter (declares our Perth contemporary) would help to turn depression into a rural and State prosperity.

LACK OF FEEDING STUFFS.

SEQUEL TO DRY SEASON.

Mr. W. C. Angwin, Agent-General for Western Australia, stated to the SUNDAY TIMES yesterday that he had received no official information concerning the matter. "There is always a culling out among the flocks during June and July," he said, "but most of the animals are sold for food. The season this year has been an abnormally dry one, and this has resulted in a lack of feeding stuffs for cattle. The August rainfall returns, however, which are just to hand, show an increase well above normal, so that the situation may now not be so bad as it appears. In the northern cattle-rearing districts the rainy season extends usually only up to March, but the abnormal rainfall during August should modify the position.

"In the Carnarvon district, for instance, the normal rainfall for the month of August is .96; this year it was 1.04. In East Gascoigne the normal is .82; this year it has been 1.02. In the De Gray district it was 1.22, against a normal fall of .92."

CALTON JAIL SITE.

FINE ART COMMISSION'S REPORT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

EDINBURGH, Saturday.

I learn that the Royal Fine Art Commission of Scotland will meet at Edinburgh on Tuesday finally to draw up their report on the revised plans of the Office of Works, London, for the Government buildings proposed to be erected on the Calton jail site.

The report of the Commission on the previous plans was unfavourable. The outcry which has been raised against the scheme of the Office of Works has been most damaging. The statement has been made by Sir Lionel Earle in a letter to the Duke of Atholl that the Government will not press the scheme if it does not have the approval of both the Fine Art Commission and Edinburgh Town Council.

This was repeated by the Prime Minister in his letter to Lord Provost Whitson, when he emphasised the great desire of the Government not to do anything with the Calton site which did not fulfil three conditions—the use of the site in such a way as would add to rather than detract from the appearance of the city, the co-operation of the City Council, and the approval of the Fine Art Commission.

If, as is generally expected, the Fine Art Commission again report adversely, the result will either be to abandon the site altogether, or, as suggested by Lord Provost Whitson, the architect of the Office of Works, working in collaboration with the Fine Art Commission and representatives of the city, should still endeavour to produce satisfactory plans.

"YARD" ENGINEER RETIRES.

Major T. H. Vitty, who for ten years has been Chief of the Engineering Department, has left Scotland Yard, where he introduced many devices to counteract motor bandits. Cars for the Flying Squad can burst into a speed of fifty miles an hour within twenty seconds of starting, and under Major Vitty's guidance all of them are equipped with portable wireless-receiving sets to place the men on patrol in constant communication with headquarters.

Another accomplishment of his was a device by which the police can within an instant alter the appearance of their vehicle.

ACCUSED CONSTABLE'S DENIAL.

At Rochester yesterday, James Newton Licence, a constable in the Rochester City Police Force, was charged with stealing a motor-car valued at £160, the property of John Robinson, of Hillside Avenue, Strood, on September 8.

Inspector T. J. Willis said that when he was on duty in Corporation Street, Rochester, he saw Licence driving a car which, in his opinion, answered the description of one reported stolen from Bundelph Square. He questioned Licence, who declared, "It is my car. I can prove it."

Licence, who is a married man, was remanded in custody for a week.

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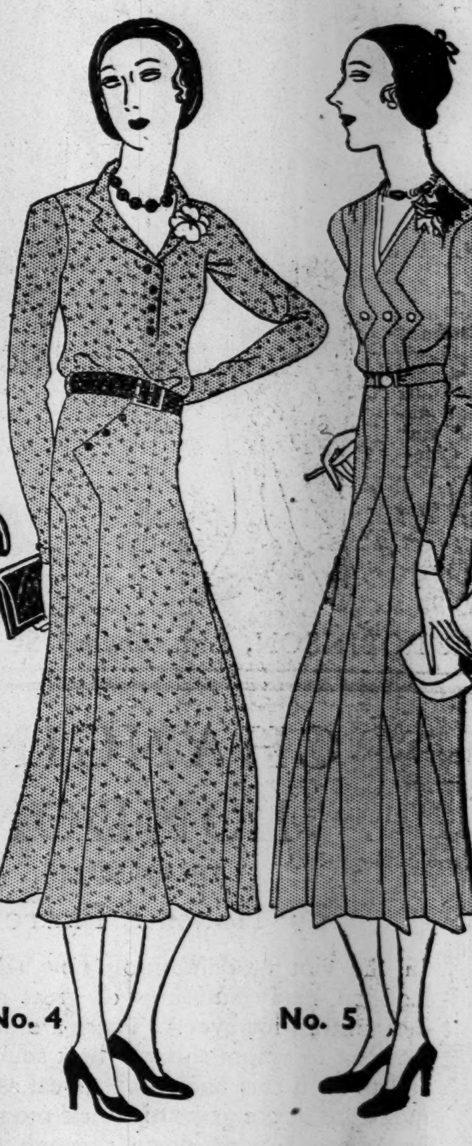

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TORTURE TO SEA BIRDS.

CAUGHT IN DRIFTING OIL WASTE.

LEAD BY BRITISH SHIPOWNERS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD, Saturday.

Animal welfare was one of the subjects discussed at the seventh annual conference of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux, which was continued at Oxford to-day. The subject was introduced by Captain C. W. Hume, who is secretary of the University of London Animal Welfare Society.

After urging that women should abandon the use of the fur of the wild species, Capt. Hume went on to say that no precise information was available as to the number of rabbits trapped in Britain every year. One of the largest wholesale poulterers, however, estimated that the number was between thirty and forty millions, less than one per annum per head of the population. Rabbits must be destroyed or they would destroy agriculture. Many humane methods were available but in practice they were not used to any material extent.

"An important form of commercial cruelty lies in the discharge of oil waste on the high seas by oil-driven ships," Capt. Hume went on to say. "Large masses of oil waste drift about the ocean for long periods, and sea-birds which have become covered with this substance lose the power of flying, swimming, diving, and obtaining food. They die a prolonged and miserable death. No statistics are available as to the number of birds affected, but it must be very great, for some 500,000 barrels of oil are discharged into the sea every year, there to accumulate until it is driven ashore.

"The remedy lies in the installation of separators on oil-driven ships, and British and American shipowners have led the way in adopting this reform. There are still, however, some British and many foreign shipowners who will not incur the cost of installing separators, although these are said to pay for their cost in two years by means of the economics they effect."

Some people, Captain Hume also mentioned, might be astonished to learn that the law still permitted such great cruelties as the use of the steel-toothed trap, poisons which cause three days of acute pain, obsolescent methods of slaughtering, and major operations without anæsthetics on certain animals. They might be inclined to ask why the R.S.P.C.A. and kindred societies had not secured the prohibition of such barbarities.

The reason lay in the extreme difficulty which was experienced in legislation by means of private bills. Not only did the procedure on private bills offer every facility for obstruction by the vested interests concerned, but great difficulty might be experienced in refuting effectively the propaganda carried on by those interests.

Since legislation by private Bills was such a slow and tedious business, and since it was practically unsound to legislate in advance of public opinion, one of the most important problems before the zoophile movement was the education of the public. The British public was humane in its sentiments, but it regarded the expression of strong emotion with dislike and was intensely suspicious of anything that looked like exaggeration.

£400,000 WEDDING GIFT.

SEQUEL TO CALL AT BROKER'S OFFICE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

According to the New York *Daily News*, Mr. John J. Raskob, the millionaire, and former chairman of General Motors, has set aside a trust fund of £400,000 for his son and the latter's fiancée, to be operative upon their marriage. The bride-to-be is Miss Minerva Aaronson, secretary in a brokerage house at Newhaven. The engagement was announced last night by Miss Aaronson's mother.

The couple became acquainted when young Raskob, as a student at the Science School of Yale University, happened to call at the brokerage office. After that visit they were frequently seen together. Earlier rumours of their engagement were denied. It was assumed that the difference of religion was an insuperable barrier.—*Reuter.*

CRUSHED BY HORSE.

HUNTSMAN'S FATAL LEAP OVER HEDGE.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest at Redhill Hospital yesterday on the body of Gordon Frederick Percival Knight (30), huntsman to the Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt, of Felbridge, near Lingfield, who died after being crushed by his horse when cub-hunting.

Mr. Knight had been also with the Atherstone, the Zetland, the North Staffs, and Pytchley Hunts. He was regarded as a fine leader to hounds.

William Thatcher, first whipper-in, said he and Knight were out hunting and had been running twenty minutes when they arrived at a five-barred gate, which was chained up. As the chain was knotted and there was difficulty in undoing it, Mr. Knight, anxious to catch up with the hounds, attempted to take the five-foot hedge. His mare swerved in jumping and landed on the thick part of the hedge, turned a complete somersault, and fell on to the rider.

Dr. F. T. Clive said that Mr. Knight's injuries were consistent with the horse rolling on him.

FIRST AID ON ROCKS.

CONSTABLE'S HEROISM IN ROUGH SEA.

In recognition of his gallant rescue of a bather in a rough sea at Grève-de-Lecq, Jersey, while on holiday, Constable Arthur Leonard Juniper was presented by Mr. Fry, at Bow Street yesterday, with £15 from the Bow Street Reward Fund.

Mr. Fry recalled that on July 29 Mr. Walter E. Walch, of Whitefield, Manchester, was in difficulties while bathing. Some boatmen, called to rescue him, refused to allow a boat to be launched owing to the certainty of disaster.

Constable Juniper and a Mr. Gilbert swam out 150 yards. Mr. Walch became unconscious, and the constable swam with him to the rocks. He was badly injured, but, in his dangerous position, he rendered artificial respiration. As a result of his injuries the officer was on the sick list for more than a month.

Mr. Walch, who was in court, spoke with great emotion of the constable's heroism, and presented him with an inscribed gold cigarette-case. He mentioned that as he was unconscious for six hours his recovery was a marvel and was due to the first aid work of the constable.

DEATH ON GOLF COURSE.

Mr. Joseph Henry Clements, aged 71, of Watford, was about to start a round of golf at Cooden Beach yesterday, and was addressing the ball at the first tee, when he collapsed. He died two hours later.

ACROSS TWO CONTINENTS.

MRS. VICTOR BRUCE'S "MYSTERY" FLIGHT.

11,000 MILES TRIP.

JAPAN THE GOAL OF HER ADVENTURE.

By OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT.

I am able to-day to give the first full details of the "mystery" long-distance flight which is to be undertaken this week by the Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce.

The secret of the flight has been extremely well kept, both by the woman pilot and by her organisers. Her only reply to questioners has been "All over the world," while her organisers have professed ignorance of her plans.

Yesterday, however, the official list of her projected route, as supplied to the organisers of a chain of wireless stations which have been linked up to follow the course of her aeroplane, was placed in my hands. The first stage of her flight is to occupy fifteen days, during which time she will reach Tokyo after a trip of nearly 11,000 miles, via Persia, India, Japan, and China.

AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME.

Her full route is:—From Lympne aerodrome (Kent) to Budapest, a distance of 920 miles, which is to be covered non-stop on the first day of the flight; then on to Stamboul, in Turkey, and then over Baghdad (2,799 miles) to Karachi, which Mrs. Bruce intends reaching early on the sixth day.

According to schedule, the seventh day of the flight will see her at Calcutta, whence she will fly to Rangoon (6,572 miles). Her stopping-place on the ninth day will be Hanoi, China, and she will then fly by shorter stages via Hong Kong, Amoy (eleventh day), Shanghai (twelfth day), Hiroshima, Japan (thirteenth day), and Osaka to Tokyo, which she proposes to reach on the evening of the fifteenth day.

The entire route lies over land practically the whole of the distance, although Mrs. Bruce will have a dangerous sea crossing between Shanghai and Hiroshima on the thirteenth day of her trip.

LONGEST FLIGHT ON FIRST DAY.

Her machine will be carrying sufficient fuel to fly 1,300 miles non-stop, although the longest "hop" of the trip will be the Lympne-Budapest flight of 920 miles on the first day. During the early stages of the flight Mrs. Bruce apparently intends attempting to break Miss Johnson's light aeroplane record flight to India.

The organisation of her route has been carried out on a big scale. The Radio Society of Great Britain has organised hundreds of amateur wireless enthusiasts all over the world, who will listen for the woman flyer transmitting Morse code messages in a secret code every half-hour of her journey.

These wireless transmissions, which, I learn, will be carried out on a wave-length of 30-35 metres, will be entirely automatic, operated by a clockwork control in her craft.

The call sign of the machine will be the same as its registration letters—G.ABDS—which will prefix all the signals.

CODE OF SIGNALS.

The pre-arranged code of automatic signals which will be used are:—

GABDS—OK.—"Normal flight."
GABDS—LG.—"Making normal landing."
GABDS—MP.—"Flying, but engine or aircraft unsatisfactory."
GABDS—SA.—"Making forced landing ashore."
GABDS—SOS.—"Making dangerous descent (possibly in water) and require immediate assistance."

These signals, as they are received by the wireless amateurs on the route, are to be retransmitted immediately to the works of the Graham Amplion Company at Slough, where they will be wirelessed to the required quarter. It is anticipated that, in the event of the woman pilot making a dangerous forced landing, the message will be at the nearest station from which help can be sent within a few minutes of her signals being sent out.

Her machine is a Blackburn Bluebird, which, with the exception of the wireless transmitter and additional petrol tanks, is absolutely standard. It is still being tested at the Brough (Yorks) aerodrome of the manufacturers and will be flown to London to-morrow. The flight was originally planned to start last Friday—in fact, wireless instructions were sent out to that effect—but it is now impossible to start before Wednesday dawn, or possibly Thursday.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

REASSEMBLY AFTER HOLIDAYS.

Eton boys will return to school after the summer holidays on Thursday and Friday next. They have had an extra week granted them at the request of the King on the occasion of the visit of the school Officers' Training Corps to the Castle to receive new colours.

Last half 109 boys left, and there will be about 116 new boys this half. They will include Earl Burlington and Lord Loughborough. There will be nine new masters, one of whom will take the place of Mr. Vincent O'Connor, who lost his life while climbing in the Swiss Alps.

HARROW.

Harrow School will reassemble for the Christmas Term to-morrow, when it is estimated the numbers will be in the neighbourhood of 655. Harrow is probably the only Public School to play cricket in the autumn, and the attempt to prolong the season after Lords, which was begun in 1849, is continued still in the traditional "Goose Match" which takes place as near as possible to Michaelmas Day. At one time the School reassembled early in September, and it was then possible to get in two or three weeks' cricket in the football term. The weather is the main factor, and on occasions the cricket has been changed to a football encounter. But the Goose Supper which follows the match is invariable.

The Argonauts Club (Dramatic section), past and present Harrovians and masters, have had a highly successful tour in German towns, where during the last fortnight they have given performances of Mr. G. B. Shaw's "Saint Joan."

RUGBY.

When Rugby School reassembles on Thursday the new boarding-house on Barby Road will be opened under the control of Mr. E. H. Johnson. There will be accommodation for fifty-six boarders, but to build up the house and avoid all the boys leaving at the same time, there will be only twenty boys in residence at first.

Colonel H. J. Harris will succeed Mr. J. H. Lockhart as housemaster at 5, Barby Road, and new additions to the staff are Mr. Lloyd and Mr. O. H. B. Prior, son of Professor O. H. Prior, of Cambridge, a former Rugby master.

UNION FUNDS' FRAUD CHARGE.

Thomas John Doe (36), a gold blocker, of Holms Street, Shoreditch, was remanded, at Bow Street, on a charge of fraudulently converting money received by him on behalf of the National Union of Printing, Bookbinding, and Paper Workers.

Detective-Sergeant Hawkins said that Doe surrendered at Fleetwood. When the warrant was read to him, he replied: "Yes; that's right." The total amount, added the officer, was about £200.

A NEW MAID OR MANSERVANT?—The help you require may be found in the Situations Bureau columns of the SUNDAY TIMES, or obtainable by advertising for it. The rate is 1s. a line. See page 29.

DOCTORS AND INCURABLES.

LORD MOYNIHAN ON PAINLESS ENDING.

LEGAL NOT MEDICAL QUESTION.

MONTREAL, Saturday.

British physicians and surgeons who attended the recent meeting of the British Medical Association at Winnipeg left for home in the s.s. Duchess of Richmond yesterday.

Lord Moynihan, President of the Association, interviewed before sailing, said that the medical profession of Britain would never take the responsibility of ending painlessly the life of those suffering from incurable diseases. "Written consent of the persons concerned would have to be secured," he declared, "thus making it more a matter of law than of medicine."

Lord Moynihan added that it was impossible to say any person was incurably ill. Wrong diagnoses were often made and sometimes people practically incurable recovered.

"The business of the medical profession is to prolong life and to relieve pain. We will not consider cutting a man's life short, but we don't let him suffer."

Referring to the prediction attributed to him in the course of a speech at Toronto, that a cure for cancer would be found within a few years, Lord Moynihan said that he had spoken without knowledge of any prospective definite cure, but rather from a confidence that all the research work which is being carried out was bound to bear fruit.—*Reuter.*

SIR EDWARD GRIGG'S FAREWELL.

HIS FAITH IN KENYA.

NAIROBI, Saturday.

Sir Edward Grigg, who leaves Kenya next week on his retirement from his position as Governor of the colony, was last night the guest at a farewell dinner given by the officials and settlers of the Nyeri district—the centre of a thriving settled area which Sir Edward was visiting in order to attend a native agricultural show.

In replying to the toast of his health, Sir Edward declared that the development of the rich highlands of Kenya was not only necessary for the prosperity of the European settlement, but was equally important for the natives. He hoped that the people of England would begin to understand that unless the colony was prosperous as a whole the natives would not prosper. Sir Edward declared his faith in the future of Kenya, and said that he would do his utmost in Great Britain to encourage closer settlement, because it was essential to all races, and "also," he continued, "because I think that for the Imperial Government to pursue any other policy would be a deep and deplorable breach of faith with our own race." The other needs of the white settlement were security from sudden changes of policy at home, a reasonable measure of control of expenditure on the services which mattered most, and a share in the shaping of what was, after all, their own country. In conclusion, Sir Edward described the settlers as "a very gay, very gallant, very sound, and very misunderstood community of my own people."—*Reuter.*

SHIPLEY VACANCY.

FOUR PARTIES MAY RUN CANDIDATES.

There may be four candidates for the Shipley Division of Yorkshire, where a vacancy is caused by the death of Mr. W. Mackinder, M.P. To-day the Labour Party will meet to consider a number of names which have been submitted. Mr. T. J. Gray, chairman of the Shipley Urban District Council, is put forward by the National Union of Railwaymen, and it is thought that the final choice will lie between him and Alderman W. A. Robinson, of Liverpool.

Mr. Gray, who is a resident of Shipley, is a past president of the Shipley Division Labour Party, and is president of the Yorkshire District Council of Railwaymen. Alderman Robinson is the political general secretary of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers, leader of the Labour Party in the Liverpool City Council, and a past president of the Liverpool Trades Council and Labour Party.

No definite move to select a candidate has yet been made by the local Conservative Party, but a number of prominent men are being mentioned. There is a rumour that Mr. Walter Forrest, son of the late Sir Wm. Forrest, of Leeds, may be invited. Mr. Forrest was Coalition Liberal member for Pontefract from 1919 to 1922, and represented Batley in Parliament from 1924 to 1929. At the last election he was defeated by Mr. Ben Turner.

Another name mentioned is that of Mr. R. Geoffrey Ellis, who is a native of Shipley, and now lives at Netherside Hall, Skipton. He was Conservative member for Wakefield from 1922 to 1929.

Owing to ill-health, Mr. F. W. Hirst, who championed the cause of Liberalism in Shipley at the General Election, is unable to accept the Liberal invitation to fight again. A prominent local Liberal stated yesterday that a candidate will be chosen to-morrow. A Communist candidate is also to be selected to-morrow. At the last election the figures were:—

W. Mackinder (Soc.)	18,654
Sir Robert Clough (Cons.)	13,693
F. W. Hirst (Lib.)	11,712
Soc. majority	4,961

In 1924 the Socialist majority was only 596, and in 1923 1,656.

CATTLE PLAGUE.

NEW OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

The following official statement regarding an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in the North Riding of Yorkshire was issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries yesterday:—

"The existence of foot-and-mouth disease was confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries on September 20 at Bilsdale, Stokesley, Yorkshire, North Riding.

"An order has been issued, which is now in force, prohibiting the movement of animals in an area of approximately fifteen miles radius round the infected premises. The area is confined to the North Riding and a small part of the County of Durham to the east and west of Stockton-on-Tees.

"The movement of any animal in the area contrary to the order is an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act."

ALSATIAN DOG SHOW.

Many famous dogs will compete at the Alsatian Sheep, Police, and Army Dog Society's autumn meeting of working trials to be held at the Crystal Palace to-morrow. Over 200 dogs have been entered for the Alsatian championship show to be held on Wednesday.

On Wednesday the seventh annual show of the Siamese Cat Club will be held at Holy Trinity Hall, Great Portland Street, W. The club is the largest specialist cat club in Great Britain, having 250 members.

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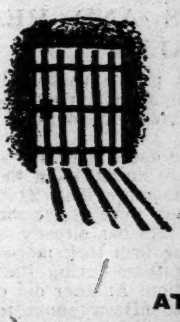

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RITES OF AN ANCIENT CULT.

NEW EXCAVATIONS NEAR POMPEII.

LIVIA'S STATUE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NAPLES, Saturday.

The "Villa of the Dionysian Mysteries" in Pompeii, which was discovered some twenty years ago, and at once aroused interest owing to its life-sized frescoes illustrating the phases of the secret cult of the God of Wine, has now been further excavated and opened to the public.

The land on which it stood was acquired by the proprietor of one of the hotels near Pompeii, with the intention of exploiting the excavations on his own account. It was, however, compulsorily repurchased by the Italian State, and the continuation of the work is due to the enterprise of Professor Maiuri, Keeper of the Naples Museum, and to the generosity of Sig. Frignani, the Director of the Bank of Naples.

The excavation is not quite complete, since the chief entrance of the villa has not yet been laid bare, and the garden on the side facing the sea still remains buried. The villa is a little remote from the other excavations in Pompeii, and when further funds are available a new approach will lead up from the newly-completed Naples-Pompeii motor-road to the hillside from which it overlooks the bay.

THE CINDERS OF VESUVIUS.

Originally intended—at some time in the first century B.C.—as a place of worship for those initiated in the cult of Dionysius, it was later acquired by the freedman Lucius Zosimus, who was engaged in transforming it into a farm when, in 79 A.D., it was overtaken by the catastrophe which buried Pompeii under the cinders of Vesuvius.

The finding of a statue of Augustus's wife Livia, which had been put on one side until such time as a place could be prepared for it, has given rise to the conjecture that the villa may previously have belonged to the Imperial family, but this point has not been cleared up.

In any case, the statue is of great interest in itself, since it is one of the best portraits of Livia. Like all antique statues, this one was tinted, and the bust still retains the original colouring of the dark-brown eyes, carmine lips, and fair, slightly reddish hair and eyebrows. The bust has, however, been applied to a torso to which it did not belong—probably that of a goddess, who is garbed in severe and rath r sacerdotal style.

The Empress Livia's presence is, however, more or less fortuitous. What gives the villa its essential character is the series of frescoes, showing the chief rites of the cult, or mystery, which it was built to serve.

SIGNIFICANT RITES.

It is not for me to enter into the question of how far the Dionysian cult influenced Christian doctrine or observance; suffice it to say that parallels have been drawn and discussed with true *furor theologicus*. The names of certain of the liturgical rites here depicted are very significant, among them being "The Annunciation," "The Communion," "The Passion," and "The Resurrection," the last two, in the words of Professor Maiuri, being "the culmination of the ceremony of the sacred Initiation which closes, with an expression of human suffering and human gladness, the dramatic cycle of the ritual acts."

But it is not only to those who are curious about the uncertain border-line between mythology and religion, between drama and cult, that these frescoes will appeal. Perhaps that is their strongest appeal, for the priestess of Dionysius was no mere Bacchante following an earth-bound god; she was an explorer of eternal truths and one whom only a chosen few were allowed to follow closely.

The artist, however, as well as the student, will feel his imagination seized by the masterly work of this unknown but inspired hand. Their genius is as unescapable as that of the great masters with whom we are better acquainted. No one who has seen the "Silenus foretelling the Future" or the Priestess in the "Resurrection" will ever forget the pictures, whether for their composition, their grace of line, or the amazing intensity of the features and the seemingly unfocussed eyes of the exponents of the Mystery.

Nor have the colours entirely lost their charm; they are remarkably well preserved, and in the restored surroundings and the clear Southern light it requires but little imagination to re-live the scene of two thousand years ago.

BURGLARS AT THE VATICAN.

MOSAICS STOLEN.

ROME, Saturday.

The police have arrested eighteen persons suspected of having been concerned in the theft of valuable fragments of mosaics a few nights ago from the hall of the Lateran Palace Museum, in which was signed the Treaty between the Italian Government and the Pope, establishing the Vatican State.

It appears that the thieves got in through a window on the first storey, after having climbed up the wall with the help of a wire leading down to the earth from a lightning conductor on the roof.

It is stated that the stolen objects include two copper bracelets, a gold powder flask, and some small pieces of unworked gold to a total value of 1,000 lire (about £10).—*Reuter.*

MLLE. KOSMOWSKA'S FATE.

CONSTERNATION IN WARSAW.

WARSAW, Saturday.

The fate of Mlle. Irene Kosmowska, the well-known Polish patriot and Deputy from Lublin, is causing great consternation here. Mlle. Kosmowska, it may be recalled, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and placed under preventive arrest before the enforcement of the sentence, for calling Marshal Pilsudski insane.

The prosecution alleged that Mlle. Kosmowska had insulted not only the Prime Minister but the whole Government by maintaining that the Marshal's rule was one of villainy, murder, and incendiarism, and that his Governments were insane. This allegation was denied, the defence stating that Mlle. Kosmowska spoke of Marshal Pilsudski as an individual, and that interviews with him certainly gave the impression that he was a madman.

The prosecution demanded the most severe sentence on the charge of insulting the Government.

It may be noted that in speaking of the Opposition members of the Seym, the Marshal habitually uses similes and expressions which could not be reproduced in an English newspaper.—*Reuter.*

RHODESIA-WALVIS BAY RAILWAY.

SALISBURY, Saturday.

A conference between the Governments of South-West Africa, Bechuanaland and Southern Rhodesia in connection with the proposed survey of the railway line from Rhodesia to Walvis Bay, has been arranged to take place on Thursday next at Pretoria.—*Reuter.*

LABOUR PARTY'S FINANCES.

£25,500 IN FEES FROM 90 TRADE UNIONS.

MEMBERSHIP ONLY HALF THAT OF 1920.

Membership of the Labour Party at the end of 1929 (according to the report of the National Executive to be submitted to the Llandudno Conference next month) was 2,082,212, to which ninety trade unions contributed 2,023,543. The highest level of membership ever reached was 4,359,807 in 1920.

An income of £28,955 was received last year from affiliation fees, the total from the trade unions being £25,500.

The Executive reports that expenditure exceeded normal income by an amount nearly equal to that lost in affiliation fees under the Trade Disputes Act, but the deficit was met by transfers from the funds brought into being for the double purpose of fighting the General Election and enabling the Party to meet the financial crisis caused by the change in the law.

"Our organised forces," the report states, "still withstand the attacks of our opponents. Our influence in the local life of the country steadily increases as our municipal groups come to power on the various local authorities.

"Notwithstanding its minority position in the House of Commons, and the slenderness of its valiant group in the House of Lords, the Labour Government holds on its way, for 'threatened men live long,' and it needs only the support of our great united Labour movement to enable it to achieve still greater things. Internationally, there are few more powerful influences for world peace than our Labour Government, whose magnificent successes amplify and help to fulfil the work of our representatives on the Labour and Socialist International."

MASS UNEMPLOYMENT.

The report declares that the Conference will meet in a period of unexampled economic unsettlement throughout the world. "Mass unemployment exists in Britain, in America, on the Continent, in the Dominions, and in the distant Orient—no matter whether their trading system be protected or free. All stand as grim witnesses to the folly and falsity of capitalist economics, both ancient and modern. The power wielded over their fellows by the owners of land and industrial capital, of finance and credit, has never been greater than in these days of concentrated industry; yet, step by step, with its continued development has steadily marched the ever-increasing numbers of the unemployed. Idle hands, idle machines, idle labour-power, in face of world-wide need, stand in their questioning array, awaiting the national and international wills of the masses to command their co-operative use for the common good.

"The powers of modern wealth production have outstripped all known history; the more sordid aspects of its consequent poverty are mitigated to a greater degree than ever we have known; yet the problem of wealth distribution remains unsolved and challenging, awaiting the will of the multitude to realise their common powers, to exercise their common rights, to face their common responsibilities."

The Executive gives a list of organisations that are not eligible for affiliation to the Labour Party. They are: The League Against Imperialism, Left Wing Movement, Minority Movement, Workers' International Relief, National Unemployed Workers' Committee Movement, Friends of Soviet Russia, and International Class War Prisoners' Aid. Members of these organisations are also ineligible as individual members of the Labour Party, as delegates to conferences, and as candidates of the Party for Parliamentary or local Government elections.

On the question of family allowances, the Executive submits the majority and minority reports of the joint committee of the Labour Party and the T.U.C. The T.U.C. adopted the minority report, which favours a development of social services instead of payment of cash allowances to mothers. The Labour Party Executive, while of opinion that the development of social services is of the highest importance, considers there should be further examination of the problem of family allowances.

BULGARIAN ARMY PLOT.

200 OFFICERS ARRESTED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BUDAPEST, Saturday.

The Serbian newspaper *Politika* publishes to-day an account of the military situation in Bulgaria, alleging that the recent announcement from Sofia that three officers were arrested on the suspicion of espionage in the interests of Yugoslavia was merely a Bulgarian attempt to conceal the truth.

This, says *Politika*, is that 200 officers, including several General Staff officers and many railway and Customs officials, gendarmerie, and police commandants, were arrested for complicity in a widespread militarist plot to overthrow the Government.

Three army officers committed suicide. The Bulgarian newspapers, which began to hint at the truth, were ordered to cease references, and finally all the newspapers were forbidden, on September 16, to publish any further details. As a result of the public grasp of the facts, says *Politika*, officers have been frequently insulted in the streets of Sofia.

At the conclusion of the preliminary investigations, declares *Politika*, it is expected that the Bulgarian Government will issue an official communiqué.

"KILLING NO MURDER."

NATIVE TRAGEDY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

CAPE TOWN, Saturday.

A case in which a native woman invoked the unwritten law in defence of her action in killing a native, who, she alleged, had murdered her daughter, is disclosed from Pietersburg, where a woman admitted killing a native with an axe in revenge for the murder of her daughter, whose four children are now motherless.

The husband of the dead woman told of finding the body and reporting to his chief. The native accused of the murder of the woman was taken to within a few yards of the scene of the crime and chained up to a tree. At dusk the mother of the murdered girl arrived wrapped in a blanket, and suddenly attacked and killed the prisoner with an axe.—*Exchange.*

ALLEGED FORGED CERTIFICATE.

Betty Fraser, 23, a clerk, and Richard Baker, 20, an engineer, both of Lupus Street, Pimlico, were charged at Clerkenwell with being concerned together in obtaining by means of a forged medical certificate, 19s. 6d. from the Express Dairy Company, Ltd., Tavistock Place, with intend to defraud. Detective-Sergeant Pitts, E Division, said that when he called on Fraser she said, "It is not forged. I can prove I injured my foot and am entitled to the money." Baker said, "I admit I took it to the Express Dairy Company and got the money." Fraser then said, "I took the form to a man who said he was a doctor, and he filled it in for me."

On the way to the station Fraser said, "This all comes through doing a friend a good turn."

Mr. Tassell ordered a remand.

NIGHT OF LUCK AT CANNES.

RACING MOTORIST AND PEER'S HEIR.

£1,300 WINNINGS.

OPERA STAR MEETS AN OCTOPUS.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The summer season on the Riviera is over, and those who have remained are either shutting up or preparing their villas for the winter, or were unfortunate in failing to secure sleepers in the Blue Train for the return journey. On the whole, the hotels have done extremely well, but some of them have yet to learn that any attempt to charge winter prices in July, August, and September merely has the effect of driving people to one of the many small places along the coast, such as La Napoule, Agay, Le Trayas, famed for red rocks and the delicious hot langouste à la père Jean; Théoule, La Garoupe, and St. Maxime.

The gambler's favourite dream of winning back all he has lost, and a handsome bénéfice as well, the last time he plays almost invariably proves to be such a sad myth that it is pleasant to be able to record an instance where it actually came true. Captain Richard Norton, the only son and heir of Lord Grantley, and Mr. Jack Dunfee, the famous racing motorist, had been losing nightly at the Palm Beach Casino at Cannes, so on the last night of their stay they agreed to put up £200 each and to play chemin-de-fer at the table where the minimum is 250 louis, or 5,000 francs. When the shoe reached him, Mr. Dunfee started a bank with this sum. The bank won for nine coups, when he passed it, just before it went down, having cleared over £1,000.

Attracted by the excitement round their table, Mrs. Norton came up just in time to insist on the large bowl full of plaques instantly being taken over to the caisse and changed into mille notes, which she tucked safely away in her bag.

Captain Norton and Mr. Dunfee then wandered round the tables banco-ing, and won another £300 between them

MISS GARDEN AND THE OCTOPUS.

Rumours of the presence of octopuses near the shore were so often heard along the Riviera during the past few weeks that soon no one took the slightest notice of them, but Miss Mary Garden, the famous opera singer, had a nasty experience while bathing at her villa near Cap Ferrat the other day. Fortunately as it turned out, she is always accompanied by a boat, in which to rest if she becomes tired of swimming, so that when she suddenly became aware of a really large octopus close beside her in the sea, the boatman was able to row up in response to her call, and to kill it with a special spear-like implement which he always carries.

Miss Garden, who has been entertaining a good deal during the summer, is shortly going to be painted by M. Ernest Castellain, the well-known Belgian artist, who has just left the South of France in order to finish another commission. Miss Garden has selected an original pose, for she will be painted with her hair streaming over her anguished, haggard face, as she will appear in one of the scenes from "The Resurrection" by Tolstoy.

PUZZLED AMERICANS.

Americans have formed a large percentage of the visitors on the Riviera this summer, and whenever they can break away from the sun-tanning cult they indulge in a passion for shop-gazing. A certain large outfitters in the Rue d'Antibes at Cannes has a notice in one of the windows saying, "Vêtements sur mesure et confectionnés." The story goes that two Americans stopped in front of it, and after a careful study one of them remarked in a puzzled voice, "Say, I guess that means 'Investments on margin,' but where does the confectionery come in?"

To cap this, I must add the story of the Englishman and his wife who were abroad for the first time. Footsore and weary after hours and hours of punctilious sight-seeing, they eventually staggered up to a notice saying, "Café fermé à minuit." "Here's just what we want, dear," cried the man, flopping down into a chair. "You see that card there; that means, 'Coffee served in a minute.'" History fails to relate how many "minutes" the trustful couple waited for their coffee!

MURDER TO MUSIC.

BERLIN BARBER'S STRANGE STORY.

BERLIN, Saturday.

A Berlin barber, Karl Herkt, is alleged to have confessed that he murdered his wife to music, strangling her to the strains of "La Bohème" played on a gramophone, while she held a crucifix in her hands.

The couple had decided to die together, as their business had failed. They spent the evening cheerfully, entertaining friends in a café with money they had borrowed, so that they might derive some last enjoyment out of life After he had killed his wife, Herkt had not the courage to kill himself, and wandered aimlessly for hours through the streets, finally giving himself up to the police.—*Exchange.*

BISHOP'S REFUSAL.

DR. TALBOT NOT GOING TO AUSTRALIA.

CAPE TOWN, Saturday.

Replying to a message wirelessed to him in the Kenilworth Castle inquiring as to whether he had accepted the invitation to the Bishopric of Newcastle, New South Wales, the Right Rev. Stuart Neville Talbot, Bishop of Pretoria, says:—"I have telegraphed to Newcastle saying I am grateful for the honour of election but that I cannot accept."

The bishop's refusal has given great relief in Church circles in the Union, as he is regarded as an outstanding missionary bishop and is mentioned as being likely to succeed the Most Rev. William Marlborough Carter as Archbishop of Cape Town.—*Reuter.*

FUNERAL OF MILTON SILLS.

LOS ANGELES, Saturday.

The funeral of Milton Sills, the film actor, who died from heart failure while playing tennis with his wife, took place here yesterday.

The officiating pastor read a poem by Mr. Sills, in which he spoke of reunion with his wife in "some far Heaven, where our love and trust anoint the bridegroom and the bride." Mr. Lawrence Tibbetts, the opera singer and film actor, who was a friend of the deceased, sang Masefield's "By the Bier Side."

The coffin will be taken to Chicago for burial. On Wednesday a memorial service will be held to honour the dead actor as the "civic leader" of the film colony.—*Reuter.*

"MAN-EATER" KILLED IN BURMA

RANGOON, Saturday.

Two men were killed by a tiger near Yenangyaung, a big oilfield in Burma, yesterday. This led to an exciting hunt, in which a European police officer named Beggwither succeeded in shooting the beast as it was charging him.

Previous to this the tiger had wounded three men, besides those who died, and had accounted for eight cows. It measured nearly ten feet, and had terrorised the neighbourhood.—*Exchange.*

BIRTH CONTROL.

PRIESTS' PROTEST ON LAMBETH REPORT.

FEARED WITHDRAWALS FROM THE CHURCH.

The following open letter, the cross-headings having been inserted, regarding the attitude of the Church to birth control has been addressed to the Bishop of Monmouth, President of the next Church Congress to be held at Newport:—

Oxford, September 17, 1930.

My Lord Bishop,—Whereas in the wording of the Lambeth Report a majority of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion seem to have given their countenance to methods of "Birth Control" which have been recognised hitherto everywhere among Christians as constituting grievous sin, methods which have so far been repudiated unreservedly by the Communion to which we belong, and to which the rest of the Church in the West neither gives nor ever can give its sanction, we venture respectfully to express a hope that some opportunity may be afforded members of the forthcoming Church Congress in Newport of repudiating a suggestion which, over and beyond the immediate evil consequences, will serve only to widen the breach between ourselves and the many millions of our fellow Christians throughout the world.

A PRESSING MATTER.

The matter is pressing because at any moment our penitants may be asking for direction, and because we as priests can only denounce such practices as mortal sins.

In saying this we are not unmindful of the conditions under which many of our poorer brethren have to live, and of the call there is to all of us to promote every possible improvement in these conditions. But even here there is, we think, no evidence to show that our richer brethren on the whole are any better, morally speaking, than those less fortunate than themselves; while the ignorance on the entire subject of Holy Matrimony has, we are sure, much to answer for.

PLAIN SPEAKING.

There are, no doubt, thousands of others who feel with ourselves; and if we alone are taking this step to-day, it is because the interval between now and the meeting of the Congress is so short, and because the Conference at which this letter was drawn up afforded an opportunity which your Lordship's own letter to the Press seemed to suggest of saying out respectfully but plainly what we know is passing in so many minds; and because unless protests of this kind are forthcoming, we are confident that many will feel constrained, as a matter of duty, to withdraw from the Anglican Communion.—We are, your Lordship's obedient servants,

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R. R. Nattrass, St. Margaret's, Liverpool.
J. C. Orr, Whitwell, Isle of Wight.
H. K. Pierce (Diocese of New York).
P. J. Shaw, All Saints', York.
Roger Wodehouse, St. Paul's, Oxford.

PERFECT GROCER SOUGHT.

TRIALS IN TACT BY TELEPHONE.

A search for the perfect grocer is being carried on at the Agricultural Hall at Islington, where the Grocery Exhibition was opened yesterday.

All kinds of competitions in subjects connected with the grocery trade will be staged to discover the champion of Great Britain and Ireland. One of the most interesting is that in which the grocer has to attend a possible customer on the telephone. At the other end of the line is a judge masquerading possibly as a disgruntled customer, a harassed housewife, or perhaps a person who does not know what exactly he or she wants or where to get it. This test calls for a high standard of salesmanship, courtesy, and tact, as the slightest word out of place may add wrath to discontent and cause a customer to be lost.

In addition to a vast array of household groceries and provisions the exhibition includes a comprehensive display of the latest mechanical devices for the grocers' counter. One of the latest is a machine to make a tough steak juicy and tender. For years steaks have been heavily beaten by rolling-pins until every fibre was displaced and the steak made soft. Now from a Sheffield workshop has come a strange instrument which, instead of beating the steak, will prick it all over with small sharp knives. The advantage claimed for this machine over the rolling-pin is not only that it really does make the steak tender, but that it does so cleanly and quickly.

Speaking at the luncheon, Sir James Martin referred to the reintroduction of the Consumers' Council Bill and said that if it were passed into law proper effect could not be given to it unless the Government obtained control over both imports and production. "We have built up the prosperity of our country by individual effort," he said, "and we are not going to sit down and see that individual effort done away with and a system of Socialism substituted."

£10,000 FOR RHODESIAN NURSES.

GIFT TO SALVATION ARMY.

Reuter's Agency learns that a Rhodesian friend of the Salvation Army has contributed £10,000 towards the cost of establishing the new Nurses' Training School at the Howard Salvationist Settlement, where native women will be able to become fully qualified nurses.

General Higgins, Commander of the Salvation Army, has been in South Africa for some time past on a visit to the various mission fields.

FRENCH MURDERER GUILLOTINED

LE PUY, Saturday.

Refusing the offices of a priest, and declaring that he regretted nothing, Marius Chabrolles, who had been sentenced to death for the murder of a 6-year-old boy, was guillotined here at dawn to-day.

The murderer maintained his cynical attitude until within sight of the knife, but then collapsed and had to be carried to the block.—*Reuter.*

THE POPE AND SEPTEMBER 20.

ROME, Saturday.

In the course of an address to 400 members of the Ecclesiastical Congress, which concluded its labours yesterday evening, the Pope said that it was a great consolation to receive them on what was otherwise an unhappy date for him, being the eve of September 20. This anniversary was about to be celebrated again, but he was thankful to believe that it would be for the last time.

The suppression of September 20 as a National Holiday has been received with mixed feelings in Italy, one camp wanting to retain it as the date of Italy's unity, and the other contending that the signature of the Lateran last February marks the logical end of a period which the celebration of the anniversary of the taking of Rome helped to perpetuate.—*Reuter.*

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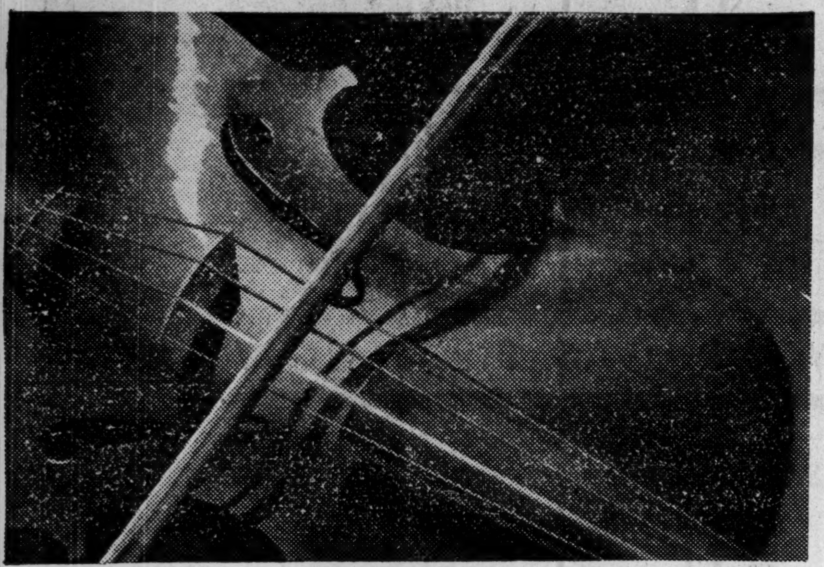

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AN EMERGENCY TARIFF.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY.

POWER TO BARGAIN

SOCIALISTS FAILURE TO GOVERN.

“Only one thing can save us—the rejection of the present Government bag and baggage and their replacement by a Government of the only party which was determined absolutely to reverse their policy and to protect our market against the foreigner.”

Mr. Neville Chamberlain made this declaration at the Crystal Palace yesterday in the course of a speech to a meeting of the Junior Imperial League.

“Why should not we,” he continued, “in the first few months of our office, bring in an emergency tariff. It might be perhaps of a somewhat rough and ready kind, but it will give our home manufacturers a breathing space while we enter into negotiations with overseas dominions and foreign nations and make a use that we have never yet made of the bargaining power we have in the best market in the world.

“I have an idea that even the bare announcement of our intention to take such an action as that would have an immediate effect in restoring hope, confidence, and courage to the people who are to-day in the depth of depression and despair.”

LIVING ON THE DOLE.

Earlier in his speech Mr. Chamberlain recalled a criticism Disraeli made of the Liberal Party sixty years ago. “I wonder,” said Mr. Chamberlain, “what Disraeli would have said if he had to pronounce judgment on the present Government, which, after their short term of office, have brought our Old England into such a plight that there is no nation so poor as not to point the finger of scorn at us as a people who have given up their old spirit of enterprise and adventure and to-day are content to live upon the dole.

“What a scornful word would Disraeli have found to express his contempt for a Government which in fifteen months has absolutely ruined and destroyed the confidence of the whole business community of the country.”

Mr. Chamberlain maintained that the first duty of the Conservative Party was to make it clear that there was one reform which must precede all others, and that was the restoration of prosperity to our industry and to our agriculture. If they could not do that, they might find it difficult, if not impossible, to maintain even the standard they had to-day.

Referring to the Unemployment Insurance Fund, Mr. Chamberlain said the Government were now seeing if the united efforts of the three parties could not produce a practical scheme of reform. If they could the Conservative Party would not be backward in supporting it. In his judgment any scheme of insurance reform must observe three important considerations.

One, the Insurance scheme must be self-supporting; two, the benefits must be so arranged that it would not be a matter of indifference whether an insured person worked or played; three, whatever relief might be awarded to those who were no longer to be considered as properly insurable, that relief ought to be accompanied by such measures as would preserve the recipient fit for work whenever work became available.

THE WHEAT QUOTA.

The Government had given indication that they were contemplating a system of import boards. That was a kind of Socialism that might begin with the State purchase of grain, but which would almost certainly end with the complete State control of the sale, purchase, manufacture, and distribution of every kind of cereal. To such a proposition the Conservative Party would offer the most unyielding opposition. “We would put our proposals to the Imperial Conference, which without imposing taxes on foreign wheat would give to the British farmer a guaranteed market at a guaranteed price for his wheat, and give to the Empire farmer a large and more secure market for his wheat, and would still leave us with a margin which we could use for negotiating with those countries which are not within the Empire, but where we have valuable interests.

“These proposals are what is known as the quota system, which is simplicity itself, and provides that you lay down that every loaf baked in this country shall be composed of a certain proportion of home-grown wheat and a certain proportion which can be gradually increased of Empire wheat. This proposition on which we have now been working for some time seems to me to offer, perhaps, the greatest contribution which has been made towards the problem of the development of inter-Imperial trade.

“Why should we be quarrelling to-day about the question as to whether we are willing or not to impose duties upon foreign foodstuffs in return for corresponding benefits? We shall not have an opportunity of making that decision one way or the other at this Imperial Conference, but whatever happens there, you may be certain that there will remain much to be done for the development of Imperial trade which none but the Conservative Party can do.” (Cheers.)

TARIFF TRUCE.

SIR E. PETTER ON HIS RESIGNATION.

Sir Ernest Petter, who resigned his position as a member of the Advisory Council of the Board of Trade, following Mr. William Graham's statement at Geneva on the Tariff Truce, has replied as follows to the President's letter acknowledging his resignation:—

“Dear Mr. Graham,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th inst.

“Differences of political opinion have not deterred me from rendering my best services to your Advisory Council during the time that you have occupied the position of President of the Board of Trade.

“The effect of the undertaking given by you that Great Britain will ratify the Tariff Truce is of such a grave character, having regard to the present state of industry and unemployment in this country, as, in my opinion, to raise the issue above party politics.—Yours faithfully,

“Sgd.) ERNEST W. PETTER.”

AIR TRAGEDY FILMED.

The crash of two aeroplanes over the Boeblingen aerodrome, near Stuttgart, during a display of aerial acrobatics, which resulted in four deaths, was filmed from another plane by a cinema operator.

The film has been seized by the police, as it is expected to reveal important evidence of the cause of the tragedy. It is not yet known if it will be released later for public display.—*Exchange.*

GERMAN ORDERS FROM IRAQ.

COLOGNE, Saturday.

In connection with the reports relative to the opening up of the Iraq oilfields through an international group, the Düsseldorf *Mittag* says that approximately a third of the material and equipment, particularly pipes and railway requisites, required in the oilfields will be supplied by the German, mainly West German, iron and steel industry.

The orders will be handled by a syndicate to which the well-known firm of Otto Wolff, Friedrich Krupp, and Gutehoffnungshuette belong.—*Reuter.*

LIBERALS READY WITH HELP.

“TO STOP THE ROT OF UNEMPLOYMENT.”

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S OFFER.

“We are not passing through, but passing into a crisis,” said Mr. Lloyd George yesterday, at Stowmarket, Suffolk, when dealing with the present situation in regard to unemployment, he urged for a bold and fresh re-examination of the whole industrial and economic position.

“But whatever we do,” he added, “we must avoid panicky suggestions. Don't snatch at every sort of fussy proposal that happens to come round—fussy, flashy proposals.”

Referring to agriculture, Mr. Lloyd George said this country was too industrialised and too little attention was paid to the cultivation of the soil.

The farmers were not in agreement among themselves. The oldest fight in the world was between the arable and the grass farmer. Let the farmers put their heads together and propose a scheme, and no party in the State could resist a reasonably concerted, well-thought-out plan which represented the whole of the agricultural community and its interests.

THE HOME PRODUCER.

If the State used its credit for agriculture he believed it would give it a new start, but agriculture was so run down by generations of neglect that no single remedy would restore it. They must have several. They must have marketing improvement and cheaper transport facilities. Railway rates gave preference to produce which came from other countries. If there was to be any preference at all, it should be given not to the foreign producer but to the home producer. They wanted long credits for permanent improvements and short credits for other improvements. They wanted credit if necessary for re-equipment and they wanted more propaganda.

Mr. Lloyd George referred to the difficult task which Liberals had in the House of Commons.

At one time, he said, they might think of turning the Government out, but when they looked to the Right they said “No.”

CO-OPERATION OFFER.

“And those people on the Right,” said Mr. Lloyd George, “are already talking as if they had to go in. They have already decided upon their berths; who is to be the purser, who is to be the first ship's officer; but they have not yet settled who is to be the captain. They have not yet decided the destination of the ship or even the cargo. But they mean to get there. Well, they will have to wait a little yet. It is not settled by any means.”

The Liberals were asked by the Government to co-operate with them, and it was the duty of any citizen to help on the King's Government if he could lend a hand. “I am prepared,” he said, “to support and co-operate with any Government that deals wisely, firmly, and promptly with the trade and unemployment situation—a Government that will stop the rot of unemployment, restore the prosperity of the countryside, that will give peace to a distracted world, that will handle the situation in India with a firm and just hand, and at the same time do justice at home to the five million well-behaved citizens who are at the present moment robbed of two-thirds of their constitutional rights. I am looking out for a Government of that sort.”

NOT INCURABLE.

It was fashionable in the Conservative Press and on the Conservative platforms to jibe at the fact that he (Mr. Lloyd George) was doing his best to co-operate with the Government in finding a solution for unemployment. Why not? This country was not a Socialist country, it was not a Conservative country—it was Britain to which they all belonged, and for which they should do their best.

“I cannot pretend,” said Mr. Lloyd George, “that I am satisfied with the present exhibition of self-complacent and stubborn ineptitude, but I must be satisfied it is incurable first. There are not many incurable diseases, and it is just possible that a little medicine may cure them.”

COUNTESS BETHLEN'S TOUR.

TO AMERICA WITH HER DOG

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BUDAPEST, Saturday.

Early next year Countess Margit Bethlen, the beautiful and talented wife of Count Stephen Bethlen, who for the past nine years has been Hungary's Prime Minister, will revisit the United States after an absence of some twenty years. Countess Bethlen told me: “I wish to renew old acquaintanceships and to see the vast improvements which must have taken place since my first visit. My interest in America has been aroused by the unexpected enthusiasm which has greeted my literary endeavours. I say ‘unexpected’ because I have always heard that Americans were materialistic, and many of my writings are wholly fanciful.”

In reply to a question as to who will accompany her on the trip, Countess Bethlen replied: “At the moment I can only say that my ‘bodyguard’ will be Tommy, the wonderful dog of mine. My tour will be of a purely literary and social nature—absolutely sans politics. Literature, after all, is possibly more becoming to my sex than politics. Tommy will be the politician if one is needed.”

KING JOHN'S TOMB.

RESTORED TO ORIGINAL CONDITION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WORCESTER, Saturday.

During the renovation of King John's tomb in Worcester Cathedral it has been discovered that neither the effigy of the monarch nor the tomb itself were painted when placed in the building in the thirteenth century. They were of polished Purbeck marble.

The figure of the King, and those of the two bishops between whom he lies, have already been restored to the original polished condition. The remainder of the tomb is to be similarly treated.

The tomb was first painted in the fourteenth century, and has been repainted on several occasions. But for this timely discovery it would have been repainted again. In fact, the west end of the tomb had already been so treated. The new paint, however, is to be scraped off.

CANADIAN FARMERS' PLIGHT.

WINNIPEG, Saturday.

Wheat prices yesterday declined to the lowest level since 1906, October Futures closing at 77⅜ cents. The critical condition prevailing in the West is forcibly illustrated by the amendments to the new tariff Bill moved by Mr. E. J. Garland (Progressive), in which is mentioned the extreme agricultural depression which exists owing to the inability of farmers to market their wheat and other produce at profitable prices.

The situation of the farmers in Manitoba is now being carefully reviewed at a convention here, at which the Manitoban Premier, Mr. John Bracken, is conferring with representatives of the banks and municipalities in an effort to find some practical solution to the farmers' present problems.—*Reuter.*

MAN REARED BY BABOONS.

A “TARZAN” OF REAL LIFE.

RAW FOOD DIET.

RESCUED FROM THE BUSH.

CAPE TOWN, Saturday.

A story of a native “Tarzan of the Apes,” who as a child was seized by baboons while his mother was hoeing mealie and was reared by them until he was rescued from the bush when he was 14, is told by the Port Alfred correspondent of a Bloemfontein newspaper.

The correspondent states that the man, now 30 years old, has the habits of a baboon and eats raw food. His body is scarred all over through jumping baboon-like in the bush.

He was seized when asleep as a child, and years later, as a boy, was discovered with a troop of baboons by a farmer. When he was taken to market he attracted so much attention from other natives on account of his long arms and curious shape that the farmer was obliged to dispense with his services. When leading oxen he would habitually jump on the yoke and sit there monkey-wise.—*Exchange.*

ONCE A MAN.

RESCUED AND FED BY MONKEYS.

The above story recalls an account which Colonel Cyril Foley, who has lived in South Africa for a considerable time, related of a man who lived with baboons in that country.

Colonel Foley states that in 1895 he was about to lunch with the late Colonel Frank Rhodes at Buluwayo when his host said he had seen “something which had taken away his appetite.” A little while before on that day, Colonel Rhodes had passed the Zeederberg's mail coach, which had come from the south. When the coach stopped, out of it stepped a man who was nothing more or less than a man monkey.

The object was wrapped in a mackintosh sheet, was bent double with matted hair all over the face; the finger-nails were of abnormal length, and the man was chattering like a baboon. Further investigation by Colonel Rhodes elicited the story from the two men that they had been prospecting at Elephant's Pits, in the Sinambula Forest, when they noted a strange-looking baboon in the company of a herd of those monkeys. It seemed to move more slowly than the rest of the party, which enabled them to get near it. Realising that it had undoubtedly been once a man, they captured it and brought it to Buluwayo.

MIND A BLANK.

It seems that the man was a former prospector and became lost some years before in the forest. He lay down to die, but baboons rescued and fed him. In the long interval he had lost the power of speech and his mind had become a blank. He stayed with the baboons and gradually acquired their habits and also their methods of making each other understood.

A case of a “tiger-child” came from India only a few years ago. When a party of Koles were beating a jungle they came across a tigress with two cubs and a peculiar “object” which they suspected to be a human being. A capture discovered that the “object” was a child which had been adopted by the tigress. The child, who was 5 or 6 years old, when captured at first was very ferocious.

Although a certain amount of discipline was imparted afterwards, the ferocious nature never left him, and he never showed any fear of tigers. At first the child made the grunts of the tiger.

SEVEN SHOTS FROM TEE.

CURIOUS FOURSOME INCIDENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

An unusual incident took place to-day on the first tee of the Hooton golf course in Cheshire, when four first-class players, two of them professionals, played seven strokes before they left the first tee.

E. Haslam (Warrington) and T. Collinge (unattached), and T. Birtles (Alderley Edge) and R. D. Vickers (Heswall) were opposed in one of a series of twelve foursomes, in which Cheshire amateurs and professionals competed.

Haslam drove out of bounds, and his partner Collinge followed suit. Birtles then drove his tee shot out of bounds, and Vickers could do no better.

When Haslam came to the tee again he caused a mild sensation by repeating his earlier offence. Collinge and Birtles, with their next efforts, succeeded in keeping the ball on the fairway, and Collinge and Vickers eventually won the hole in five.

Thus were there seven tee shots instead of the regulation two. The bogey of the hole is four.

BOOKS FOR HOSPITALS.

THE PROBLEM OF SELECTION.

The Library Association, whose annual conference begins at Cambridge to-morrow, are for the first time turning their attention to the peculiar problems of reading matter for hospitals.

Splendid work has been done ever since the war by the Library Service of the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John, who turned their war hospital library organisation into a permanent peace-time body staffed by voluntary collectors and distributors.

There is, however, still a limited supply of literature to hospitals, and the Library Association is setting up a sectional discussion on Tuesday, under the chairmanship of Sir Humphry Rolleston; Mrs. M. E. Roberts, of the British Red Cross Library organisation, is acting as Chief Steward of this meeting. It is hoped to agree upon a general policy for which the Library Association may, with members of a co-opted committee, make itself responsible.

Whether the public libraries shall help to build up special collections in the hospitals, or allow the hospitals to be pure extensions, is a local matter to be decided by the scale of the literary needs of patients.

The difficulty of supplying books to patients in infectious wards is, of course, a permanent one. They must not be too heavy in weight or too large in bulk. Nor, indeed, must they be too heavy in a metaphorical sense, though mental patients, curiously enough, have often a capacity for devouring the most serious forms of literature. A considerable analysis has been made in America of the “psychological effects” of books on various types of patients, and one of the leading public librarians in the United States who has devoted herself to hospital library work is to read a paper on the subject.

Sick persons are apt, in some stages of disease, to identify themselves strongly with the characters of a story, and tales of unhappy childhood, of epileptics, degenerates, and physical deformities are tabooed.

MISSING SCHOOLGIRL.

The relatives of Ethel Phyllis Jackson, the 16-year-old schoolgirl who has been missing from her home at Harwood, near Bolton, since September 16, have received no further news of her whereabouts.

Scotland Yard have been asked by the Lancashire police to assist in the search.

FURS OR WOOL CLOAKS?

ANTI-CRUELTY APPEAL TO WOMEN.

AN UNEMPLOYMENT ARGUMENT.

Whether women should give up wearing the furs of wild animals in an endeavour to do away with trapping and the infliction of pain was discussed yesterday by Captain C. W. Hume, hon. secretary of the University of London Animal Welfare Society at the conference at Oxford of the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux.

Captain Hume said that in one year the furs trimmed in London alone amounted to about twenty million. The sum total of physical agony represented by that figure defied imagination.

“I submit,” he said, “that the only remedy for this evil is that women, whose fashions in dress change so rapidly, should abandon the use of the furs of wild animals. There are patriotic as well as humane reasons for their doing so. Warm cloaks are a necessity during the winter, and if women would wear British woollen cloaks instead of foreign furs they would help to solve the problem of unemployment in the woollen industry.”

Captain Hume went on to say that at the present moment the fur trade had not been seriously affected by the humanitarian movement, and it can well afford to ignore our efforts. Yet already there had been attempts to mislead the public as to the amount of cruelty involved, and they must expect that at a more advanced stage of the battle the enormous wealth of the fur companies would be made available for propaganda at least as reckless as that which had been directed against humane slaughter.

“FIGHT FOR LIFE.”

“If ever a prodigiously wealthy interest comes to be fighting for its life against the conscience of civilised mankind,” he continued, “we may expect a very desperate campaign, the issue of which will depend on the care and thoroughness with which the relevant facts have been ascertained and made available.”

Another form of commercial cruelty, he said, lay in the discharge of oil waste from oil-driven ships. There were patches of oil waste resting about the ocean for long periods, and seabirds which had become covered with this substance lost power of flying, swimming, diving, and of obtaining food. The number of birds affected must be very great, for some 500,000 barrels of oil were discharged into the sea every year. The remedy was in the installation of separators on oil-driven ships, and British and American ship owners had led the way in adopting this reform.

Professor Gilbert Murray said people felt furiously about cruelty, but thinking furiously did no good. It was quite clear that we inflicted an enormous amount of unnecessary suffering simply because the matter was not in our minds. They must get the feeling that something was wrong and had to be put right, and they must also obtain irrefutable evidence of the facts of the matter.

AN ENEMY OF REFORM.

GENERAL'S ATTACK ON LOCAL OPTION.

“We believe that restrictions have already gone as far as they can healthily go,” declared Brigadier-General Bruce, in an address on the drink problem at the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Freedom and Reform, in London yesterday.

Legislation should be carefully watched, he said, so that it would never invite law breaking by becoming vexatious. “People who are told, in effect, that the State will regulate their lives from morning till night become utterly demoralised. They feel that the obligation to behave as decent citizens has been removed from them. Could anything be more disastrous?

“This is the discovery which is painfully being made in the United States of America, and is causing at this moment a remarkable revulsion of feeling against vexatious legislation. I hope that we shall hear less and less in years to come of the mistaken cries of prohibition and its half-brother local option.

“I need not go into all the arguments against local option. All but a small minority admit that practical reforms in the conduct of the drink trade in the near future must come in the main from the trade itself, or they will not come at all. Local option would make almost all reform by the trade impossible. Who could be expected to sink the large sum of money necessary for structural improvements if they were exposed to the danger of losing all that money very shortly after they had spent it? Brewers are practical men.

“If you reflect upon this ghastly, though no doubt well meant, policy of bringing real reform to a standstill, I think you will agree that I am not exaggerating when I say that the so-called temperance societies in their passionate advocacy of local option are among the greatest enemies of reform.”

THE ALERT BLIND.

“OFTEN MORE OBSERVANT THAN OTHER PEOPLE.”

“Blind people are often more observant than others,” remarked the Coroner at an inquest yesterday at Ross, Herefordshire.

A farm labourer named Arthur Embry had been fatally injured in a collision with a Gloucester motor-cyclist, named Walter Gorton, who is in Ross Hospital suffering from a fractured skull. The accident happened on the main Gloucester road late at night, and evidence was given that Embry had been to a neighbouring public-house and had three pints of beer, taking another pint away in a bottle, which was found in the road. Jacob Hiscott, a blind man, asked by the Coroner what effect three pints of beer would have on Embry, replied, “Three pints would be like water on a duck's back to Embry, who was not drunk.”

Embry, he added, was lame through an old compound fracture of the thigh. He asked Embry why he never used a stick, and Embry replied, “People won't employ you if you use sticks.”

The Coroner said Embry, who had a perfect right to the road, was probably roaming in the middle when the collision occurred. He did not think any blame attached to Gorton.

TWO BROKEN ROMANCES.

It was announced yesterday that the marriage arranged between Commander G. Curteis, M.V.O., R.N., and Miss Ayliffe Neill, will not take place. Commander Curteis is the son of the late Mr. Robert Mascull Curteis and Mrs. Curteis, of Sussex Rise, Tunbridge Wells. Miss Neill is the daughter of the late Mr. Balfour H. Neill, of Dunedin, New Zealand, and Mrs. Norman Bayles, of Dromore, Gullane, East Lothian.

A similar announcement was made in regard to the engagement between Mr. A. K. Brown, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Brown, of Lelant, Cornwall, and Miss Joan Hazell, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Hazell, of Walton Grange, Aylesbury.

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INDIANS TIRED OF BOYCOTT.

TRADE RUINED BY A FUTILE POLICY.

GENEVA DELEGATE'S WARNING.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

The economic position in Bombay is as black as ever, with the exception that there are indications of an anti-Congress revolt among hard-hit business men.

Mr. Amrit Lal Ojha, the Indian employers' delegate to the International Labour Conference at Geneva, who returned to India yesterday, to-day strongly criticises the Congress boycott policy as completely negative, which may recoil boomerang-like upon their own heads.

What is really needed, he says, is constructive outlook, harnessing Indian resources and energies, instead of vainly seeking to destroy those of other countries. His sentiments are echoed by thousands of Indian business men to-day, who are seeing their own trade being ruined by this futile boycott policy.

REVIVAL OF LAWLESSNESS.

Now that the monsoon has finished, Congress activities here are turning to a revival of the Salt Law breaches and the inauguration of a no-tax campaign at Gujarat. Probably as the result of the 500 women picketing the Bombay elections on Thursday, the local Congress Committee President, Mrs. Ramiben Kamdar, was arrested to-day.

Women pickets can still be seen outside the foreign cloth shops, even in the European quarter, but, unlike the men pickets, these have not been arrested. Though there has been much talk about the emancipation of Indian womanhood, Congress are evidently exploiting to the full the privileged position of their women in the eyes of the law.

ENGLISH PROFESSOR AND GANDHI.

The mystery surrounding the visit of Professor Alexander, of Manchester, to Gandhi in Yeravda gaol has now been cleared up. The professor came to India some weeks ago on a personal peace mission as the direct emissary of Mr. C. F. Andrews, who is well known as a close personal friend of Gandhi. Professor Alexander, who belongs to the same English Quaker mission as Mr. Andrews, came well armed, staying first at Simla with prominent Government officials and later appearing at Yeravda with Government authority to see Gandhi at a time when the other peace negotiations were drawing to a close.

In these he wished to participate, but his request was declined. Later he interviewed Gandhi, but hardly expected to succeed where the Indian emissaries had failed. The professor, however, is now maintaining secrecy, and nobody knows what happened.

THE ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCE.

PROBABLE ADJOURNMENT OVER CHRISTMAS.

During the next few weeks a number of the Indian delegates to the Round-Table Conference will arrive in London. The majority of them have made arrangements to leave India in the P. and O. liner Kaisar-i-Hind, which is due to reach this country on October 18. This will enable them to be present at the general assembly of the delegates on October 20, and to inform themselves fully of the arrangements for the formal opening of the Conference at St. James's Palace, which, as stated exclusively in the SUNDAY TIMES, will be on or about November 20.

At one time it was anticipated the Conference would be concluded by Christmas, but on going into the matter in greater detail, as the Government Committee has been doing during the past fortnight, it has become obvious that this was rather an underestimate of possibilities, and it is now regarded as certain that a break will have to be made for the Christmas vacation.

One aspect of the presence of so many Indian visitors in this country with which the Government Committee has been concerning itself during the past week is the social side. This duty largely devolves upon the High Commissioner for India, and it is understood that a committee has been formed with a view to making the necessary arrangements.

SIR GEORGE SCHUSTER'S MISSION.

BOMBAY, Saturday.

Among the passengers in the P. and O. liner Ranchi, which sailed this afternoon, are Sir George Schuster, the finance member of the Government, and Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Kweit, the American citizens, whose house was searched by the police on the 17th instant.

Sir George declined to make any statement, except that he was on the way to England to help in the framing of the new Constitution, with particular reference to its financial aspects.

Mr. and Mrs. Kweit are on their way to the United States.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH COAL MINING.

FINE NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

The Coal Mines Act of last session has opened a new era in coal mining, and the most enterprising of our daily papers, the *Daily Telegraph*, has taken advantage of the occasion to present, in a special supplement to its issue of the 16th inst., a remarkable conspectus of the industry, gleaned from authoritative sources. Among those who contribute articles to it are Lord Gainford, the Marquis of Londonderry, Sir David Milne Watson, Professors Neville Moss and R. V. Wheeler, and Lord Chelmsford, and the story of what has been done, and is being done, in the direction of technical modernisation is not only a fascinating story of business enterprise, but will do much to enlighten public opinion on the position and outlook of the industry. In its array of authoritative figures and facts it should be a *vade mecum* to the politician and the publicist.

FOR GIRLS' CLUBS.

Princess Marie Louise has consented to be President of the Ice Carnival and Gymkhana which is to be held on November 27 at the London Ice Club, Grosvenor Road. Mrs. Stephen Courtauld and Mr. Prescott, with a small committee, are undertaking the skating exhibitions. Princess George Imeretinsky is chairman of the Carnival Committee.

The Ice Carnival is in aid of the appeal of the National Council of Girls' Clubs, which Lady Londonderry and Lady Eleanor Keane are organising.

HIS BROTHER'S CRIME.

The funeral at Dudley yesterday of Pat Groake recalls a crime of thirty-five years ago.

At Worcester Assizes he and a brother were tried for the murder of their mother, who was kicked to death. Pat Groake was sentenced to death, but the sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life.

When he had served thirteen years his brother, on his death-bed, confessed that he committed the crime. Pat Groake was afterwards released.

MORE SOVIET "DUMPING."

CHEAP SOAP FOR SOUTH WALES.

ATTACK ON BRITISH INDUSTRY.

NERVOUSNESS IN THE U.S.A.

Moscow's declared policy of "dumping" Russian goods in foreign markets is showing results in many parts of the world. In this country the latest evidence of the campaign comes from South Wales, where large consignments of soap, which is being sold at £20 per ton cheaper than British products, have been received.

Revelations, it may be recalled, were recently made regarding the "dumping" of Russian sweets on London, and wheat "dumping" is becoming a serious problem, particularly in America, where Government action is being demanded.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARDIFF, Saturday.

Over a hundred tons of Russian soap, which is being sold at very low prices, recently come by road from London, where it was imported.

The effect on the British soap industry may be gauged from a comparison of prices. The principal of a wholesale distributing firm told me that he purchased Russian soap at £30 per ton, £20 per ton less than the British soap producers could offer.

The Cardiff representative of a famous firm told me that some of the imported soap is of good quality, and that it is impossible to turn out a similar product at the same price in Britain. "The danger to the British industry is great," he said. "The output of my firm has been reduced by 28 tons already as a result of these Russian soaps."

The consignment to South Wales referred to above is said to represent a loss on the British output equivalent to £5,000.

A director of a leading soap firm, when informed by the SUNDAY TIMES last night of the importation of Soviet soap, declared it to be an "unqualified example of the dumping of goods which had been produced by sweated labour.

"With nothing to prevent the dumping of soap, I am not surprised that Russia has taken advantage of the opportunity," he added. "She has easily accessible to her all the raw materials to produce soap; she has tallow, the basis of soap manufacture. Therefore, the rest was an easy matter. With this advantage in regard to raw material, and with the utilisation of sweated labour to produce the finished article, British manufacturers had little chance to compete."

It was quite conceivable in all the circumstances that the soap could be dumped in this country at the prices quoted, and as things stood at present the British manufacturer had not an opportunity of reply on equal terms of redress or defence.

[At the conference at the Trade Commissariat in Moscow last week, Rabinovich, Director of the Export Department, alleged that objections to Soviet dumping had no serious foundation, "and the workers must be informed that any such accusations had an anti-Soviet political character."]

ALARM IN U.S.A.

MR. HYDE'S CALL FOR ACTION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

A plot by Soviet Russia to increase discontent in American agricultural districts by selling millions of bushels of wheat "short" in Chicago, thus forcing prices to ruinous levels, is seen by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Hyde, who to-day called upon the Chicago Board of Trade to rigidly enforce its rules against market manipulation.

The All-Russian Textile Syndicate, a subsidiary of the "Amtorg," the trading corporation of Soviet business representatives in the United States, is charged with an undertaking to deliver at least 5,000,000 bushels by next December—an impossible task, as Mr. Hyde points out, because it would be impossible to deliver Russian grain in Chicago at a profit over the barrier of 1s. 9d. per bushel tariff.

The obvious inference, therefore, Mr. Hyde indicated, was that the Soviet was deliberately trying to depress grain prices in America by heavy sales of wheat they had no ability to deliver, with the evident intention of stirring up discontent among the Western farmers. At the same time it was suggested that Russia was holding large stocks of wheat to dump in Europe for the purpose of keeping world wheat prices at the lowest possible levels.

Five million bushels of wheat sold "short" would, in itself, have little effect in the Chicago market, which trades in sixteen thousand million bushels annually. The knowledge alone, however, that Russia was selling "short" was a sufficient factor to have a demoralising influence in the "soft" market which closed yesterday after declining about a penny per bushel, with prices down to their lowest levels in many years.

Government officials have slight recourse, except in so far as the Grain Futures Manipulation Act is applicable. If "short" sales cannot definitely be laid to the Soviet's door, it is probable that the Congressional Committee investigating "Red" activities here will be asked to take the matter up. Failure there to obtain any positive evidence would leave open a last appeal to the State Department to take measures to prevent further operations by "Amtorg" in the interests of public safety.

Mr. Hyde conferred with President Hoover in the afternoon.

A SOVIET DISCLAIMER.

NEW YORK, Saturday.

A very effective (taken at its face value) statement comes from Mr. E. Y. Belitzky, vice-president and treasurer of the all-Russian Textile Syndicate, who says that the syndicate had sold "short" on the Chicago market on orders from Russia. He adds that the sales were intended as a usual hedging operation, and were relatively of such small quantity that they could not appreciably affect standard prices. "I must emphatically state," he says, "that the transactions were of a purely business nature, and not intended as manipulation for the purposes stated in the Press."—*Reuter.*

STOCKHOLM, Saturday.

The Swedish Timber Dealers' Association has refused to handle the sale of sawn timber from Soviet Russia.—*Reuter.*

FASTER CORNISH EXPRESSES.

The winter service of the G.W.R. will be put into operation to-morrow.

One of the features of the new schedule will be an acceleration of twenty-five minutes over the winter service last year on the run to Penzance and Cornish stations by the 1.30. p.m. West of England express from Paddington and the 9.25 a.m. from Manchester. The "Cheltenham Flyer" will continue to run at its record timing, being booked to cover the seventy-seven and a-quarter miles between Paddington and Swindon in seventy minutes.

PEER'S SISTER MARRIED.

THE HON. SARAH CUST THE BRIDE.

BROMPTON CEREMONY.

Lord Brownlow gave away his sister the Hon. Sarah Marie Adelaide Cust, daughter of the late Lord Brownlow and of Maud Lady Brownlow, of The Mount, Market Harborough, who was married yesterday afternoon at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, to Mr. Edward Hoos, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marten Hoos, of The Hague, Holland. Prebendary Gough officiated and Mr. H. R. Bowlby was best man.

Miss Cust wore a gown of stiff cream satin, the full skirt falling to the ground from a close-fitting bodice decorated with a berthé of old lace. Antique Brussels lace draped over silver lamé formed her train, and her tulle veil was secured by a triple wreath of orange blossoms and crystal leaves. She carried a bouquet of cream roses and white heather.

Master Robert Byng and Master Roderick Milward, wearing trousers and jackets of peach pink satin with chiffon shirts to match, preceded four little bridesmaids. They were Miss Bobby and Miss Betty Greenish, Miss Jemima Cust, and Miss Rachel Storrs. Their dainty frocks were of cream satin fashioned on similar lines to the bridal gown, and they wore mob-caps of cream net tied with "Romney" blue ribbon. They carried posies of pink roses.

After the ceremony a reception was held at 21, Hyde Park Square, lent by Mrs. Gordon Leith. Guests present in the church included:—

Maud Lady Brownlow, Mr. and Mrs. Marten Hoos, Mr. Marten Hoos, Junr., Lady Brownlow, the Hon. Violet Cust, Captain and Mrs. Buckle, the Hon. Lady Cust, General Sir Charles Cust, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cust, Sir Guy Domville, Brig.-General Sir David and Lady Kinloch, Capt. and Mrs. Milward, Mrs. Eyre Lloyd, Mrs. Francis Storrs, Master Peter and Master Basil Storrs, Mrs. Frewen Moor, Mrs. R. Forbes, Miss Rutherford, Mrs. Duckworth King, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Greenish, Mrs. Kingsmill and Miss Kingsmill, Mr. and Mrs. Val Gielgud, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzwalter Wright, Mr. Montagu Wright, Miss Massey, Mrs. Randal Baker-Wilbraham, Mr. and Mrs. Davies-Cooke, Mr. M Donaldson Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholson, Mrs. Watts, Mr. and Mrs. E. Byng, Mrs. Druce, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Broadbent, Mrs. Chirnside, Mrs. Cecil Gordon, Colonel Hartley Maud, Mrs. Bertram Pott, and Mr. and Mrs. Connys.

TENNIS WEDDING.

MISS HARDIE MARRIES A CAMBRIDGE "BLUE."

Miss Christabel Hardie, the lawn-tennis player, was married yesterday to Mr. Irving Horace Wheatcroft, the Cambridge tennis "blue," son of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Wheatcroft, of Highgate Lodge, Highgate Hill, London. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hardie, of Bandoola, Holly Park Gardens, London. The Rev. Stewart Bernays officiated at the ceremony, which took place at the Finchley Parish Church.

The bride wore a sleeveless dress of ivory chiffon and lace with a long veil of cream net bordered with lace, which also formed the train. A halo headdress of pearls and diamanté completed her toilette, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations and heather.

Master Denis Hardie and Miss Valerie Hardie were the only attendants. The page wore a Court suit of cream satin with frills of lace, and the little girl a Kate Greenaway frock of chiffon printed in shades of blue, pink, and mauve. Silver beads decorated her cap of cream net, edged with muslin, and she carried a posy of pink carnations.

Mr. P. Russell Herditch was best man. A reception was held at the Brent Bridge Hotel.

Those present in the church included Sir Victor Pryce-Jones (cousin of the bride), Sir Arthur and Lady Crosfield, Major and Mrs. Vaughan, Major Entwistle, and Miss Nora Swinburne, the actress. Many tennis players assembled outside the church to greet the bride and bridegroom, who took tennis rackets with them on their honeymoon.

DR. DANIELS DAVIES AND MISS VERA ROSE CLARKSON.

The wedding took place yesterday at All Souls' Church, Langham Place, of Dr. Daniels T. Davies, Harley Street, to Miss Vera Rose Clarkson.

The bride wore a long flaired gown of parchment satin, and her train and veil were heavily embroidered with gold. Two bridesmaids—Miss Mercie Clarkson, cousin of the bride, and Miss Marjorie Smith—were attired in long dresses of *café au lait* satin with gold lace coatees, and there were two children, Miss Jean and Master Dennis Treeby. Miss Treeby wore a Kate Greenaway costume of satin of the same tint as that of the bride's gown.

The Rev. Arthur Buxton, vicar, performed the ceremony. During the service "The Song of Thanksgiving" was sung by Mr. Sterling MacKinley.

MR. J. MICHAEL KANE SPURLING AND MISS PENELOPE LOVETT.

A large congregation witnessed the marriage at the Cathedral Church, Portsmouth, yesterday, of Miss Penelope Lovett, daughter of the Bishop of Portsmouth, Dr. E. Neville Lovett, and Mrs. Lovett, of Bishopswood, Fareham, to Mr. John Michael Kane Spurling, Leicestershire Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Spurling, of Oundle, Northamptonshire.

The bride's father officiated, assisted by Canon John Lovett (uncle of the bride), Canon Masters, Provost of the Cathedral, and the Rev. C. Robinson, Acting Bishop's Chaplain. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, the Rev. H. R. Burrows, Vicar of Grimsby.

SUSSEX CRICKETER'S WEDDING.

James Parks, the Sussex County cricketer, was married at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, yesterday, to Irene Lilian Heaver, of Brighton. The event had been kept a secret, and none of the county players or officials was present, except Mr. Harry Parks, also of the Sussex eleven, the bridegroom's brother, who acted as best man.

LOST WIFE, HOME, AND WORK.

When Bernard Wynn, engineer, of Leicester, and Derek Petty, engineer, of Cropstone, were charged at Leicester yesterday with driving motor-cycles dangerously, it was stated that in an accident which occurred Wynn's wife, who was riding pillion, was killed. His solicitor told the Bench that the man had lost his wife, his home, and his employment.

The prosecution alleged that the speedometer on Wynn's cycle had stopped at sixty miles an hour.

Wynn was fined £1 and Petty £2. Each was ordered to pay £1 5s. costs.

INCORPORATED ACCOUNTANTS.

The next examination of candidates for admission to the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors will be held on November 3, 4, 5 and 6, in London, Manchester, Cardiff, Leeds, Glasgow, Dublin, Belfast, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban.

Women are eligible upon the same terms and conditions as men. Particulars are obtainable at the Offices, Incorporated Accountants' Hall, Victoria Embankment, W.C.2.

NEW £250,000 SILK FACTORY.

Sir John Gilmour opened the British Silk Dyeing Company's new factory at Balloch yesterday afternoon. The building has been erected near the foot of Loch Lomond at a cost of nearly £250,000. Sir John was presented with a gold key by Mr. James Taylor, the architect.

CRASH AT LEVEL CROSSING.

RUNAWAY TRUCKS' WILD DASH.

OMNIBUS WRECKED

DRIVER KILLED AND 25 INJURED.

One man was killed and twenty-five persons were injured—six of them seriously—when six runaway railway trucks struck an omnibus at a level crossing on the Sunderland road at Heworth, near Gateshead.

The accident happened on Friday night. The trucks, which were 12 tons each and fully loaded, were descending a gradient towards the crossing on the private railway owned by the Pelaw Main Collieries. They broke loose from their retaining hawser and dashed towards the crossing, where they crashed into the 'bus, carrying the chassis with them, while the bodywork was torn away and lodged against two telegraph poles. The trucks were derailed and the rail torn up.

Flames burst from the front of the 'bus and the driver, Kenneth Sedgewick, of Shildon, Bishop Auckland, was so severely burnt and injured that he died yesterday.

LONELY GLEN CRASH.

A young girl named Isabella Laird, of Croy, Inverness-shire, was killed and six people were injured when a motor vehicle overturned on Friday night in a lonely glen near Corrimony, thirty miles from Inverness. They were members of the staff of Corrimony House, and had obtained permission to visit the Northern Games meeting at Inverness. The accident happened when the return journey had been nearly completed. The injured had to be taken thirty miles to hospital at Inverness.

Stewart Thompson, aged 19, a Royal Air Force pilot, stationed at Grantham, Lincs, died in Molesey Cottage Hospital yesterday, from injuries received when his motor-cycle struck an iron fence at Walton Road, West Molesey, late on Friday night. His pillion rider, Derrick Hartree, of Sugden Road, Long Ditton, was also injured.

Two motor cars, one of them containing a wedding party, and a bicycle were involved in a collision in Commercial Road, E., yesterday. Only the cyclist—Richard Edwards, aged about 50, and stated to belong to Nunhead—was injured. He was detained in London Hospital.

KILLED ON KINGSTON BY-PASS.

A woman was killed and another seriously injured in a motor accident on the Kingston by-pass road yesterday. Miss Haig, of Middleton, near Bognor, was driving her three-wheeled sports car near Coombe Lane, when she came into collision with a motor-car in front. She sustained concussion and was taken to Kingston Hospital and detained in a serious condition. A woman, who was sitting by her side, was instantly killed.

A motor-car, driven by the Rev. Herbert Drake, of Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk, came into collision with a motor-coach at the cross roads in Shooters Hill, Woolwich, yesterday. Both vehicles were badly damaged, and Mrs. Drake, who was riding with her husband, was taken to Woolwich Hospital.

Horald Barnes, of Kosycot, Gorsecliffe Road, Ensbury Park, Bournemouth, was seriously injured in a motor collission at the corner of Lansdowne and Littledown Roads, Bournemouth, yesterday. Saunders was riding a motor-cycle with Barnes as pillion pasenger, when they crashed into a caloon car driven by Mr. R. L. Macpherson, of Southsea, who received only slight injuries.

HIS EIGHTH MARRIAGE.

JUST AVERTED BY AN ARREST.

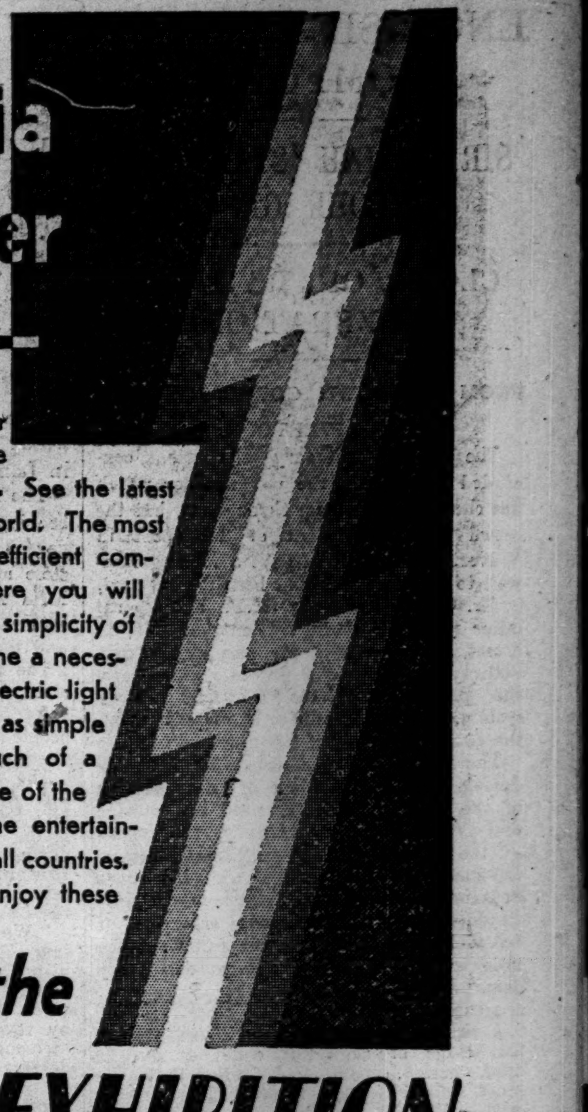
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ATHENS, Saturday.

A modern Bluebeard has been arrested here in the person of Peter Kulaxides, who is accused of having killed seven women with whom he had been married.

Kulaxides denied the murder of six of his wives, but admitted having killed his last wife because she had told him lies. The death of his first wife he explained to have been caused by excitement and pleasure at the news of his release from prison, where he had been serving a long sentence.

He was arrested at the moment he was going to marry for the eighth time.



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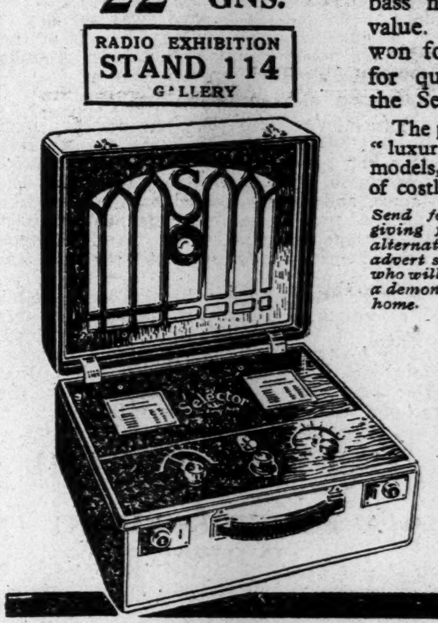

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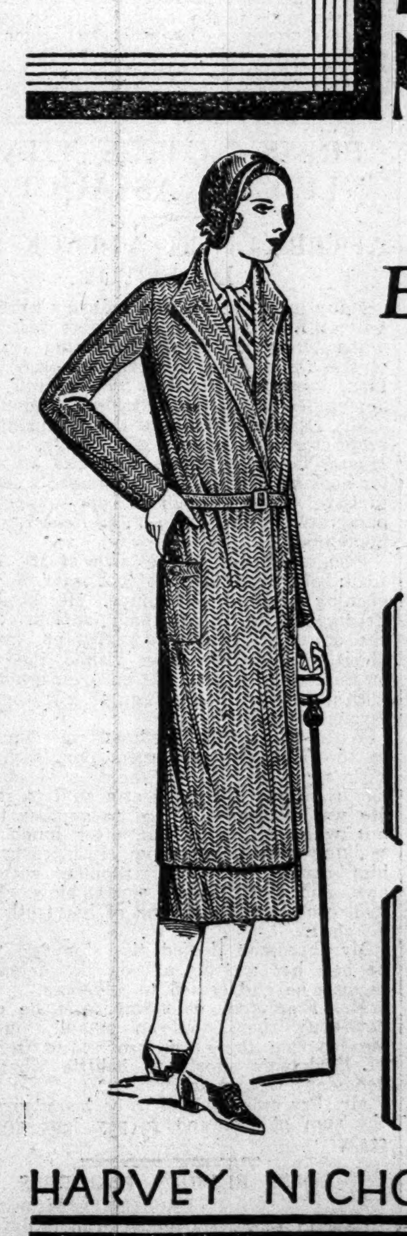

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ENGLISH LOVE OF COMFORT.

SIR JOSIAH STAMP ON COURAGE.

CLOSE OF RAILWAY CELEBRATIONS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

The railway centenary celebrations concluded to-night in the wet weather which has characterised them throughout, but the crowd at the Pageant of Transport in Wavertree playground gave a rousing farewell to all those who had been taking part.

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., and several other members of Parliament, as well as direct descendants of pioneers of the first railway were among those entertained, and the principal of the German railway system, who was unable to be present, wired the congratulations of his undertaking.

The lesson of the celebrations, said Sir Josiah Stamp (president of the executive of the L.M.S.), was the need for courage and enterprise in tackling the needs of the future, and in comparing the industrial crisis with the difficult times experienced when the railway was initiated, he said the courageous enterprise of Great Britain was not dead and would be able to meet what the present emergency demanded.

A SINISTER FEATURE.

A well-known public man, with an intimate knowledge of European countries over a long period, had told him that the most sinister feature about England to-day was the large proportion of people in all ranks who just wanted to be comfortable in their own particular field, not to take the responsibility of risk and action or to exert themselves to get the world right, beyond exercising the functions of criticism and grumbling.

The proportion was far too great a burden upon the energy and the resources of the remainder for any country which wished to regain leadership. It was good to do honour to the begetters of progress, but it was better still to face their own national difficulties with their courage.

Both the Lord Mayor of Liverpool and Mr. C. Sydney Jones (chairman of the executive committee which organised the celebrations) declared that the festival had been a great success and public imagination has been fired.

As a souvenir of the occasion Sir Josiah Stamp was presented with the original menu card of the banquet given to the United States Ambassador at the opening of the celebrations, the mounting of which was inscribed "With thanks for the instruction, delight, and inspiration" which the festival had given to countless thousands.

EARLY ENGLISH MEZZOTINTS.

COLLEGE ART TREASURES.

Over 600 drawings and prints, in addition to several hundred miscellaneous unmounted prints, will be on view on September 30, on the occasion of the opening of the Exhibition Room for the permanent display of the art treasures of University College, Gower Street, W.C.

Sir John R. Bradford, the vice-chairman of the College Committee, will declare the Exhibition Room open, and will express the thanks of the college to Sir Joseph Duveen, through whose generous gift the Exhibition Room has been provided.

The bulk of the collection was formed by two bequests, those of Mr. George Grote in 1872 and of Mr. Henry Vaughan in 1900. Mr. Grote was a member of the original council of the college, and was its president from 1868 to 1871.

The Grote Collection contains an interesting series of Old Master drawings, the most important examples being German, some fine engravings and etchings, and a good series of early English mezzotints by John Smith and his contemporaries.

The Vaughan Collection includes a few English drawings, notably a fine water-colour by Turner, and others by David Cox and Peter de Wint. Its chief importance lies in the etchings and drawings, a splendid series of Van Dyck's etched portraits, some excellent Rembrandt etchings, a very fine collection of Turner's "Liber Studiorum," and many proofs of the line-engravings after Turner, and some fine mezzotints by David Lucas after Constable.

"SUFFERING SAINTS."

ARREST OF MEMBERS OF NEW SECT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BUCHAREST, Saturday.

The arrest of two young girls, who were found by the police performing weird "snake dances" beside a spring near Kishineff with no other costume than that afforded them at birth by Mother Nature, has led to the discovery of a new "religious" sect, whose members call themselves the "Suffering Saints."

Statements obtained from the two young girls enabled the police to make further investigations, in the course of which they discovered that the new sect had its own temple. Here they discovered two elderly women, also unclad, performing the offices of high priestesses, while ten young girls, in the same state of undress, prayed before the altar. These and all the other "Suffering Saints" will now have trial on charges of being improperly dressed added to their sufferings.

AN ABBEY MEETING.

U.S.A. VISITOR'S ACCUSATION OF £9,000 TRICK.

Frank Wilson (34), a traveller, was charged at the Guildhall yesterday with attempting to steal £9,000 by means of the confidence trick from Dr. William Lawrence Gatewood, of Balmoral Hotel, Queen's Gate Gardens, and with being a suspected person loitering with intent to commit a felony.

Mr. Gatewood, an American doctor on a visit to London, said he met Wilson, a smart-looking man, in Westminster Abbey a week ago. After several interviews a second man, said to have had "wonderful luck" on the racecourse, appeared.

The witness was asked to take part in a "big deal." He was told that a large sum had been won, and was asked to "establish his credit" by producing £9,000.

Wilson was remanded.

LIFE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Nation study does not stop short at language, but includes also literature, history, economics, art, culture, and religion.

Complete facilities for this study are offered at the School of Oriental Studies and the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, which form part of the University of London. A Government Commission in 1918 dealt with the general ignorance in England of the life of remoter countries, which in some cases it declared to be "abysmal." The languages of countries not ordinarily included in a university curriculum can be studied at these two schools.

GUNMEN'S RAIDS IN LONDON.

TWO RAILWAY CLERKS BOUND AND GAGGED.

£100 STOLEN.

MAN HELD UP IN HIS OFFICE.

Two remarkable "hold-ups" in which armed men figured were reported in London yesterday.

The first was at Barking railway station booking office, where three men with pistols gagged and bound clerks back to back and stole notes and cash. The second was at Mile End Road, Bow, where two armed men raided the office of Mr. Bernard Davis and took currency notes and cash.

The attack on the Barking Station took place about one o'clock in the morning, just before the station closed. There were few people about, either on the platforms or in the buildings around the booking office.

The two clerks who were attacked were Mr. Archibald Skipper, of Becontree, and Mr. Ernest Howard, of Barking Road, East Ham. They were counting the money taken during the day, and neither of them, Mr. Howard stated yesterday, heard any noise before they found themselves told in a gruff voice to "hold up your hands."

"We turned round sharply," Mr. Howard said, "and did not at first obey the command. I made a movement towards the money, which we were engaged in counting when the men arrived, but we were covered by revolvers, and one of the men said in menacing tones, "Don't move. We are desperate."

"At first there were only two men, but another followed them, and while one of them held us with his revolver the other two scooped the money into an old bag.

"Before they left the men cut one of the blind cords and bound us hand and foot, back to back. They gagged me with my handkerchief and Skipper with a copper bag which we use for dusting the counter.

"After the men had gone we heard a car started up and the engine throbbing, but neither of us could do anything, and when at last we struggled free it was too late."

Mr. Howard added that, as far as he could tell, the men were all in the early thirties, but he could not remember exactly what they looked like.

ABANDONED CAR FOUND.

About £120 was taken. The police were informed of the robbery by telephone. Officers immediately hurried to the station, and two men were sent on a motor-cycle combination to scour the roads in search of the car, which, it is thought, was used by the thieves. They later found an abandoned car on the Barking by-pass road, about a mile and a-half away from the railway station.

The holding up of Mr. Bernard Davis was carried out with equal suddenness and daring. Mr. Davis was sitting in his office when he was suddenly confronted by a man who held a revolver at Mr. Davis's head, and said that if he made the slightest effort to raise an alarm he would shoot.

Meanwhile, a second man, who also carried a revolver, searched the room and took possession of all the currency notes and cash he could find. The men then, keeping Mr. Davis covered with their revolvers, backed out of the office, and, locking the door on the outside, carried away the key.

The office occupied by Mr. Davis is at the side of a house standing in its own grounds opposite Mile End Railway Station.

HANDBAG SNATCHER FOILED.

A woman resisted the attempts of a man to steal her handbag while she was walking near her home at Woodberry Down, Stoke Newington, yesterday. She was Miss Maisie James, and when accosted by the man who made a grab at her bag, she held on to it tightly and screamed. The man thereupon jumped into a passing motor-car and was driven away.

About five minutes before Mrs. Emma Blumenthal, of Moresby Road, Clapton, was robbed of her handbag in Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, by two men who drove up in a dark saloon car. The police believe that the men were those responsible for the attempted theft at Woodberry Down.

CAR BANDITS DASH.

A POLICE SERGEANT INJURED.

A police sergeant was injured early yesterday when he jumped on to the running board of a motor car, which had been used by shop raiders, in an attempt to stop it.

The incident occurred in Uxbridge Road, where, shortly after four o'clock a policeman saw a car outside a branch shop belonging to Messrs. E. W. White and Company, tobacconists, of Kingsland.

As the policeman approached two men rushed out of the shop and ran past him. As they jumped into the car the policeman blew his whistle. This attracted the attention of a police sergeant and another constable. In the meantime the first constable threw his truncheon at the car, smashing one of the panels as well as his truncheon.

When the car reached the sergeant he mounted the running board in an attempt to stop it. The occupants, however, pushed him off, and he injured his hand.

The men stole cigarettes valued at £100. The car which the men used had previously been stolen from Kingston, and was later found abandoned at West Hampstead.

NIGHT SCENE IN TRAM DEPOT.

An employee in the office of the Elderslie tram depot, belonging to the Glasgow Corporation tramways, was receiving cash from the conductors of late cars early yesterday, and was about to lock it away when a door at the rear of the premises opened.

He was going to close the door when a man concealed in a stair recess sprang at him and struck him on the head. The two men grappled, and the tram employee, feeling himself being overpowered, threw a book at the window, smashing the glass. This brought assistance from the tram shed, but the intruder, after taking all the loose cash, scaled a high wall at the rear of the building and got away.

AN ATTRACTIVE GIFT.

SPECIAL NUMBER OF "TOWN AND COUNTRY HOMES."

An attractive and unusual gift is presented to readers of the October issue of *Town and Country Homes* (Amalgamated Press. 1s.). Every number contains a copy of an exquisite etching by R. A. Riseley, the famous etcher, and signed by the artist himself. The copies are so perfectly reproduced that only the most critical eye can detect the difference between one of these and an actual etching.

This issue of *Town and Country Homes* deals with the many problems connected with the furnishing and upkeep of the modern house and garden, including heating and lighting. It is sumptuously illustrated, has many pages in photogravure, and is full of helpful hints for the home lover.

NEW HEAD OF GERMAN ARMY.

BERLIN, Saturday.

President von Hindenburg to-day appointed General von Hammerstein-Equord in place of General Heye as chief of the army.

General Heye is retiring on November 30. He has resigned because, he says, "I wanted to make room for a younger man."—*Reuter.*

SOUTH COAST SWEPT BY 80 M.P.H. GALE.

SHIPS IN DIFFICULTIES IN WILD WEATHER.

CAPTAIN RUNS SCHOONER ON CHESIL BEACH.

The South of England, from the Lizard to the Straits of Dover, was swept by the severe south-west gale which, beginning on Friday, was still raging yesterday.

Shipping in the Channel was compelled to take shelter, and several casualties were reported. The wind reached the velocity of a full gale. The greatest wind speed recorded by the Meteorological Office was a gust of 61 miles per hour at Valencia, in South-West Ireland.

At Folkestone a wind velocity of 83 m.p.h. was officially registered in the harbour.

During Friday night and early yesterday the following wind velocities were reported by Meteorological Office observers:—

m.p.h.		m.p.h.	
58	Scilly Isles.	50	Shoeburyness.
56	Cardington.	42	Lympne.
54	Croydon	42	Plymouth.
50	Kew.	30	Croydon.

Air services were disorganised. The Imperial Airways liner, which left Paris for Croydon at 8 a.m., was forced to land at Lympne, and passengers continued their journey by rail. Among the services cancelled were the 9 a.m. to Brussels and Cologne, the twelve o'clock to Paris, and the 5 p.m. from Paris.

STEAMER ON ROCKS.

IN PERIL IN PLYMOUTH SOUND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PLYMOUTH, Saturday.

The lifeboat was called out shortly after three o'clock this morning to assist the steamer Umberleigh (5,000 tons), belonging to the Tatem Steam Navigation Company, which had been blown ashore on the rocks in the Sound during the height of the storm. The vessel was bound from Antwerp to Barry Roads in ballast. She left Antwerp on Wednesday evening, and experienced bad weather the whole time.

Early yesterday morning the weather grew so bad that the steamer would not answer her helm. One of the holds was flooded in order to get the vessel's stern down, but matters became so difficult that it was decided to make for Plymouth for shelter. The ship reached port just before dark last night, and dropped both her anchors, but as the gale increased she dragged her anchors, and the master, Captain Penn, started the engines in an effort to keep her head to the storm.

Soon after midnight rain fell so heavily that it was impossible to see any distance, but bearings were continually taken. Eventually the wind drove the vessel on to the rocks. For hours she was severely bumping, and all the crew were on watch. Plymouth lifeboat went out, but returned to the docks on learning that none of the crew would be taken off. Later the lifeboat made a second visit and transferred four apprentices and seventeen coloured members of the crew by breeches buoy.

As a Somali fireman was nearing the lifeboat the rope broke and he was injured.

Captain and Mrs. Penn and fifteen other members of the crew resolved to remain on the steamer, which, at low water, was high and dry on the rocks. Later in the day the Umberleigh was refloated.

ON CHESIL BEACH.

CAPTAIN DRIVES HIS SHIP AGROUND.

The gale was felt particularly severely at Weymouth and Portland. One huge sea swept over Chesil Beach, Portland, and flooded Victoria Square to a depth of several feet. Omnibuses and private motor-cars were caught in the floods and had to be towed out by lorries.

A fine piece of seamanship on the part of a French skipper of the schooner Madeline Tristan saved his ship. The ship was being badly buffeted, and the captain decided to make a run for it, selecting Chesil Cove, with the gale behind him. He drove his vessel right up on to the beach, missing the dangerous rocks only by a few feet.

Portland fishermen said that it was the finest seamanship they had seen.

A hand line was got on board and the crew of six were safely landed.

In Dover harbour, the small sailing craft Foam, which had been riding the gale during the night, hoisted signals of distress as she was in danger of being washed ashore. A call was made to the lifeboat, but Mr. Brockman's motor-boat Ocean Queen, which was coming out of dock, replied to the signal. With difficulty the motor-boat got alongside the Foam and put a man aboard to help the owner, Mr. Buckmore, who was on the ship alone. The Foam was towed into Granville dock. Several French trawlers, on account of heavy weather, had to put into Dover Harbour.

Weymouth lifeboat went out during the night to a French ketch, the Leone, which struck some reefs at Sandsfoot Castle, inside Portland Harbour. The crew of two were taken off.

A 290 tons steel sand lighter belonging to a Southampton firm was blown ashore at Southend. She had been driven helplessly before the wind for three-quarters of a mile, and after making a passage among the small craft lying near the shore was blown high and dry on the western sea wall. Two men, her sole crew, jumped ashore uninjured. All efforts to refloat the lighter had been abandoned owing to the rough state of the water.

The steam drifter Champion was wrecked while entering Lossiemouth Harbour. The crew of seven were rescued by ropes.

The Norwegian steamer Halse (2,136 tons), bound from Gravesend to Philadelphia with cement, arrived at Queenstown and landed for medical treatment a Norwegian seaman named Sequrolsen, of Mandat, whose legs were fractured when a heavy sea struck the ship. The ship was damaged, and the captain decided to effect repairs locally before proceeding.

Big seas broke over the Admiralty pier extension at Dover. In the harbour the motor-boat Mavis broke from her moorings and was smashed to pieces.

At Bournemouth and Boscombe between 300 and 400 beach tents, with their contents, worth roughly from £6,000 to £8,000, were swept away. The sea front presented a desolate picture, the entire length being strewn with wreckage. Five hundred telephone lines were reported to be out of order.

Rain has fallen continuously in the East Riding for sixteen hours. In the villages roads are flooded to a depth of between one and two feet, and in the low lying fields sheaves of ungathered corn are to be seen floating.

Big tents and corrugated iron kitchens used by the Hampshire Infantry Brigade of Territorials in camp at Brading (Isle of Wight) were blown down.

Incessant heavy rains have caused extensive flooding in low lying areas in many parts of South Tipperary.

Seas dashed against windows of houses at Sandgate, an incident hitherto unexperienced in the district, and waves broke over the main London road.

Three gliders, belonging to the Portsmouth and Southsea Gliding Club, were torn from their moorings on Portsdown Hill, and were seriously damaged.

GIRL DROWNED IN FLOODED STREAM.

Three people escaped from injury when two houses collapsed in Halesowen Road, Netherton (Worcestershire). The roofs of both dwellings gave way, and the occupants Mrs. E. J. Hill, aged 72, a widow, who lived by herself, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bill —all of whom were in bed, were covered with debris. None was seriously injured.

Rainstorms caused havoc in South Wales. Torrents of water rushing down the mountain sides flooded houses at Blaenavon, Abersychan, and Treforest, and considerable damage was caused.

In Scotland widespread damage to crops and considerable losses of live stock are reported. Conditions on the farms are reported to be the worst since the "Black harvest" of the early eighties.

In the Fifeshire village of Kinglassie, the three-years-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munro, of Pit Rows, was drowned while playing near the Lochty Burn. She slipped and was carried down stream by the flood.

Twenty calves, belonging to Mr. Torbett, of Whitecrook, Glenluce (Wigtown), were washed out to sea by the high tide in Luce Bay. Thirteen of them perished.

BRITISH SHIPS IN DISTRESS

OFF FRENCH COAST.

PARIS, Saturday.

Terrific seas are being experienced in the Channel and along the Atlantic coast. Many vessels are reported to be in distress, including two British boats, the names of which are given as Templemead and Caithness. Their S.O.S. calls have been picked up by the wireless station at Penmane, near L'Orient.

The tug Auroch, which went out from Brest to the aid of the Italian steamer Tuscania, has had to put back into Brest, where she arrived with her bridge gone and her hold full of water. One of the crew had been washed overboard.

Off Le Croisic the high seas caused the motor of a fishing smack to explode. The vessel drifted, a sheet of flame, on to the rocks, where the five members of the crew were saved.—*Reuter.*

PRESS NOTICE THAT LED TO ASSAULT.

AFTER-LUNCH ATTACK ON A DIRECTOR.

Many people in the film industry were present at Bow Street Police Court yesterday, when Ernest Fredman, managing director of the *Daily Film Renter*, summoned Dan Fish, artists' agent, for assault, on September 10, at the Trocadero Restaurant.

Mr. Laurence Vine said the defendant was proprietor of a midget golf course, at Golf House, Coventry Street, and also an agent for booking film artists. The assault seemed to have arisen through the appearance of a paragraph in the *Daily Film Renter*, dated September 10.

Fish telephoned to the office of Mr. Fredman, on September 8, and said he was opening a midget golf course. He asked Mr. Fredman if he would attend, obviously with the object of getting a paragraph written about it. Mr. Fredman visited the place on September 9, and was not over impressed with it. He wrote a paragraph in rather unfavourable terms.

With others, Mr. Fredman was lunching in the Trocadero grill room next day, and Fish went over to the table, used abusive language, and raised his arm as if to strike. He was persuaded to go to another table, but when Mr. Fredman, after lunch, was walking across the room, Fish rushed at him, caught hold of his shoulder with one arm, and struck him a violent blow. Fredman was dazed and one of his teeth was loosened.

Mr. Fredman denied that for two years he had had a "down" on the defendant because he had ceased to advertise.

Mr. Frampton, defending, said he could not deny there was an assault, but he pleaded that there was provocation in view of Fredman's efforts to belittle what the defendant was doing.

Mr. Fry ordered Fish to be bound over in the sum of 40s. and to pay four guineas costs.

LONE FLYER'S PROGRESS.

BAGHDAD, Saturday.

Captain F. R. Matthews, who is flying a Puss Moth machine in his attempt on the England-Australia flight record of Mr. Bert Hinkler, arrived to-night at Ramadi, seventy miles from here.—*Reuter.*

BYRON'S HOUSE.

SIR JULIEN CAHN'S OFFER TO NOTTINGHAM.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NOTTINGHAM, Saturday.

The proposal that the corporation should accept Sir Julien Cahn's offer to transfer to the municipal authorities such portions of Newstead Abbey as were associated with Byron, and also an ornamental lake of twenty-one acres together with gardens extending over twenty acres, is welcomed here.

A condition has been suggested by the corporation that no buildings shall be erected within a hundred yards on either side of the main drive. By a continuance of the charges for admission to the abbey and grounds, and by affording facilities which have been hitherto withheld from visitors on Sundays, it is anticipated that the cost of upkeep can be more than covered. The matter will be dealt with at a meeting of the council next week, when a report of the general purposes committee will be presented in favour of the scheme.

THEFT OF TREASURY BONDS.

Eric Basil Cartwright (31), a native of Weymouth, who was arrested at Oxford on a warrant, pleaded guilty yesterday before the Royal Court of Jersey to having, while employed as a clerk at the States Treasury, stolen Treasury bonds to the value of £500. He was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Cartwright, after the theft, went to Southampton, where he sold the bonds, giving the name of Rupert Railes, and later at Oxford he was known as Rube Macey. It was stated that he bought a motor-car, a portable wireless set, and a gold watch.

U.S. COTTON KING DEAD.

The death is announced, in a Reuter message from Los Angeles, of Mr. Daniel J. Sully, known throughout the world and once feared in Wall Street as "Dan, the Cotton King." Mr. Sully cornered and controlled the world cotton market in 1903 and 1904.

One of his surviving daughters, Mrs. Jack Whiting, was formerly the wife of Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, and is the mother of Douglas Fairbanks, Jun.

HOTEL TRAGEDY

GIRL AND MAN WHO WAS DIVORCED.

A KEEN SPORTSMAN

HIS LOVE OF FINE CLOTHES.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

NEWCASTLE, Saturday.

Newcastle friends of Samuel Coxon Lockerby and Jessie Thompson Guild, who were found shot at Grosvenor House, the new hotel in Park Lane, London, yesterday, are unanimous in expressing surprise that these two—"of all people"—should be involved in such a tragedy.

Mr. Lockerby, who was 24, lived at Rectory Drive, Gosforth, Newcastle. He was married at the Registry Office, Gateshead, on May 7, 1925, to Miss Dora Mary Pembrey, of Newcastle. Divorce proceedings were instituted by Mrs. Lockerby, and a decree nisi was pronounced by Mr. Justice Luxmore on February 18, 1929. The decree was made absolute in September last year. There were no children of the marriage.

Lockerby was a well-known player for the Percy Park Rugby Union Club, North Shields, where his father, Mr. Sam Lockerby, and three uncles had been prominent players before him. Born at Whitley Bay, he was a member of a family popular on the coast. He removed from Whitley Bay with his parents four or five years ago, and had been active in sports of various natures. He had played golf at the Benton Park Club, and was a keen tennis player. He had also played ice hockey on Tyneside, and was a member of a Newcastle roller skating club. He was keen on motoring, and had declared his intention to take up flying next summer.

"'Sammy' was probably the best dressed man on Tyneside," said one who knew him well. "He had an extensive wardrobe, and I have known him turn out in three different suits in one day. He always seemed very happy, and was popular wherever he went. He appeared to be the last person to be associated with a tragedy of this kind."

A SPORTING GIRL.

Miss Guild, who was only 19, lived at Cavendish Place, Jesmond. She was a typically modern young woman who took an active part in the usual sports and amusements of a girl at her age. She was a native of Newcastle, and was educated at the Central High School, following which she took up a business career in the office of a Newcastle firm. She left this post and lived with her parents. Her father is a well-known marine engineer.

"I knew Miss Guild for over twelve years, having gone to school with her," said a young woman in charge of a library in Manor House Road, Newcastle. "She was a prolific reader, and came into our shop three or four days a week for books. She was especially fond of books based on war and sex matters. Every time she came into the shop she would have a conversation, but she never mentioned anything of her association with Mr. Lockerby.

"Last Saturday she came in with a large suitcase and said she was going to London for a holiday. That was the last I saw of her.

"She told me on one occasion that she was working as private secretary to a lady in Benton, and that she had to give up that post a few months ago in order to look after the home, as her mother was ill."

Relatives of the couple arrived in London yesterday and identified the bodies. The inquest will be opened at Westminster on Tuesday.

CALL TO THE SEA.

WIFE'S DEATH AFTER S.O.S. FOR HUSBAND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

FLEETWOOD, Saturday.

Within a few minutes of the broadcasting of an S O S last night for a Fleetwood steam trawler who is at sea, the woman on whose behalf the message was sent out died in hospital.

The appeal was for Richard McCaulliffe, the bo'sun of the Fleetwood steam trawler Daily Mirror, and it stated that his wife was seriously ill. The vessel left Fleetwood on Tuesday for fishing grounds off the north coast of Ireland, and is in that neighbourhood. The trawler carried a listening-in set.

When McCaulliffe went to sea his wife was quite well, but on Thursday she collapsed and later in the day was removed to hospital. Her condition grew worse, and she died at 10.30 last night, only a few minutes after the broadcasting of the message.

Providing the vessel received the SOS, it should arrive at Fleetwood to-morrow morning.

MR. EDGAR WALLACE AS CANDIDATE.

HIS GRANDFATHERS' SLOGANS.

Mr. Edgar Wallace, prospective Liberal candidate for the Mid-Bucks Division, speaking yesterday at a Beaconsfield gala, arranged by the Divisional Liberal Association, announced that on November 5 he will launch a new weekly paper, to be called the *Bucks Mail*, to be published from Aylesbury.

Mr. Wallace said the old-fashioned slogan of "Peace, retrenchment, and reform" was good enough for our grandfathers and it was good enough for him. Lord Beaverbrook had professed to find a way to restore prosperity to the country, but he (Mr. Wallace) did not believe in mixing Free Trade with Protection.

Protection could not be turned into Free Trade by waving a Union Jack over it.

"JOY RIDE" IN ADMIRAL'S CAR.

While Vice-Admiral A. Pound, H.M.S. Renown, at present with the Atlantic Fleet in northern Scottish waters, was attending a Highland gathering at Inverness, two young men commandeered his motor-car and went for a joy ride.

At Invergordon they lost their way, and on the return journey they had an accident. The car overturned, but the young men escaped with slight injuries.

Charged yesterday at Inverness, the youths said that their escapade was due to a spirit of adventure. They were each fined £5.

U.S SCRAPS THREE BATTLESHIPS.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.

The Navy Department has ordered the scrapping of the battleships Utah, Wyoming, and Florida in order to reduce the number of capital ships to fifteen.—*Central News.*

[The Wyoming, which belongs to the Arkansas class of battleships, is fitted with 16 in. and 12 inch guns. The Utah and Florida are the only two battleships of the Utah class, the former being twenty-one years old and the latter twenty years old. All three vessels have been reconstructed.]

Mr. A. P. J. Fourie, the South African Minister of Mines and Industries, continued yesterday his conversations with the leaders of French trade and industry.

ENTOMBED IN A PIT.

ONE DEAD AND TWO RESCUED.

RELIEF GANG'S GALLANT EFFORTS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WIGAN, Saturday.

Three men were entombed by a fall of roof to-day at Mains Colliery, Bamfurlong, near Wigan, belonging to Messrs. Cross, Teltey and Co., Ltd., and after hours of gallant rescue work two were taken out alive, but the third died before his fellow-miners could reach him.

The men concerned were John Lloyd (46), William Eatock (49), who were saved, and Samuel Eatock (33), brother of William.

Along with another miner the three men were engaged timbering in the main haulage road, when the fall took place at 4 a.m., and covered a wide area. The alarm was raised, and rescue parties were immediately organised.

FURTHER FALLS.

Their operations, however, were greatly hampered by further falls from the roof, and it was only after three hours' strenuous work that they were able to release John Lloyd.

Two hours later the rescuers were able to reach William Eatock, but although they were able to speak to Samuel Eatock, another heavy fall made it impossible to get out the imprisoned man.

Thirty men working in relays toiled under the most dangerous conditions to reach Eatock, but each time their efforts looked like being successful part of the roof caved in on the unfortunate man, and by noon it was announced that he was dead.

It appears that when the fall occurred William Eatock managed to shift some of the débris from his face, and after freeing one of his arms he was able to render similar assistance to his two companions.

The body of Samuel Eatock was not recovered until nearly 8 o'clock. The men, who had worked without cessation from four o'clock in the morning, had to make a roadway under the fall in order to get at the body.

NEW FACTS IN ACID THROWING CHARGE.

TALE OF WOMAN'S LIFE OF TERROR.

Another remand, for a week, was ordered at Wimbledon yesterday in the case in which a motor-car driver, Thomas Davis (32), was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Fanny Simmonds (32), by throwing corrosive fluid on her face, neck, and hands at Wimbledon Stadium. The woman is still in the Nelson Hospital, Wimbledon.

Davis was charged with a similar offence in regard to Helen Poons, of Devonshire Street, High Holborn.

Mr. A. Lawson Walton, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Davis met Miss Simmonds in 1923, and they kept up a casual acquaintanceship for three years. In March, 1926, he persuaded her to live with him. He had no money, and she earned money to keep him.

Later she left him, but in November, 1927, Davis returned to her, and, to keep him from bad companions, she took a flat in Twickenham. For three months he made some money at dog-racing, and gave her some for the first time. Then he had a run of ill-luck and she was again forced to keep him. He got her to take a flat in London, where again he lived on her earnings.

With money that came to her she took a house at Edgware, and set up a small business, hoping to run straight, and never wished to see Davis again. When he found her she gave him £20 to go away. He again found where she was living, broke in, and tore up her dresses.

She had to move again, but once more he found her, and finally she had to stay with friends to escape him. Davis then took to following her in the street. He met her with a revolver and said: "If you don't come back I will do you in one dark night." On another occasion he met her in Pall Mall and tore a brooch from her dress. She started proceedings for robbery with violence, but yielded to his plea not to prosecute.

He still molested her, and on September 12, after the greyhound racing at Wimbledon, as she was leaving the car park, he threw some liquid at her. She was taken to hospital with acid burns on head, face, neck, chest, feet, and hands. An eye was also injured, and her condition was critical.

Miss Poons was suffering from acid burns on both feet and her left wrist.

After evidence, Davis was remanded.

THREE AGRICULTURAL BILLS PENDING.

DR. ADDISON'S HINT.

Dr. Addison, Minister of Agriculture, in a speech at Spalding last night, said that no political party in the past had tried to work out a policy for agriculture. It had received doles, but there had been nothing in the shape of a really thought-out and constructive policy designed to make the industry sure and prosperous.

If the Labour Government were given a chance, they proposed to embark on that undertaking. It would not be accomplished in one bill, and it was likely there would be three bills dealing with the subject in the next session of Parliament.

They would never get a healthy countryside if they had a standard of wages that was below the ordinary, decent, subsistence level, and it was therefore up to the Government to see that the industry was prosperous and able to pay satisfactory wages. They also recognised that one of the first things their policy must include was to help those men who were without land to secure what they required.

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

FACILITIES FOR POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH.

Founded thirty-five years ago, the London School of Economics and Political Science, which is a recognised school of the University of London, opens its Michaelmas term on October 10.

The general growth of the school and the institution of the Commerce Degree have necessitated recent large additions to the accommodation provided by the original Passmore Edwards Hall. Last year the number of students registered was 2,922 (2,253 men and 669 women). There were 645 students from countries other than the British Isles, representing some fifty constituent countries of the British Empire and foreign countries. The school is open on equal terms to men and women.

The school offers special facilities for post-graduate research, under the supervision of professors or otherwise, and in certain branches of its teaching provides special lectures and seminars for graduate students. The library, including the British Library of Political and Economic Science, the Fry Library of International Law, the Schuster Library of Comparative Legislation, and the Acworth Collection on Transport, is one of the largest in London, and contains many unique items.

A PICTURE OF BISMARCK.

GOVERNOR ORDERS ITS REMOVAL.

A SLIGHT ERROR.

IRON CHANCELLOR NOT A PAN-GERMAN.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PRAGUE, Saturday.

The "Iron Chancellor" has been paid a tribute by the Government of Eger, in Czechoslovakia, which must cause grim satisfaction to his soul. For to-day, over thirty years after his death, he has been found a danger to the Czechoslovak Republic, which was not born until he had been dead twenty years.

The owners of an Alpine hut on the Grünberg, near Eger, called "Egerländer Heimat," were ordered by the Sub-Prefecture of Eger to remove a picture of Bismarck which had been hanging there for many years. The club appealed against this order to the provincial Governor. The latter confirmed the decision of the Sub-Prefecture, saying that the picture insulted the patriotic feeling of the Czechoslovak people, as Bismarck was the representative of Pan-Germanism. Since these ideas were dangerous to Czechoslovakia, the picture of Bismarck was ordered to be removed within twenty-four hours.

The Governor of Eger, however, made a slight mistake, for Bismarck was not, of course, a supporter of Pan-Germanism, but on the contrary, opposed to it. His historical significance is chiefly that of a statesman who brought about the triumph of a smaller, compacter Germany which should exclude Austria and the German part of Czechoslovakia which the Pan-Germans desired to incorporate.

GRIM JOKE SEQUEL.

WOMEN TERRIFIED BY "BODY" IN A CAR.

The two men who terrified people in lonely parts of Scotland by pretending that they had a body to bury were called upon, in the Glasgow Sheriff Court, yesterday, to pay a small penalty for their grim "joke."

The Fiscal stated that the two men —Alexander Glen McLean and Robert Deary—accused of breach of the peace, drove up in a motor-car to an isolated part of the country a few miles from Glasgow. Near a farm they asked a nursemaid if she knew where they could find a quarry to dump some stuff, and said they wanted a spade.

The girl noticed what appeared to her to be the dead body of a child in the car. She rushed into the house and told the farmer's wife. The men appeared to be going to bury the body in some bracken. The farmer's wife took a gun and ordered the men to go away. One of the women in the house got such a fright that she rushed out of the house through a window.

The men then drove away to Cadder. They went up to a woman, addressed her by name, and asked her if she could identify the body of a woman they had found on the roadside. They said they thought the woman had either died or been murdered. The woman jumped to the conclusion that it was the body of her daughter, for whom she had been waiting, and became ill. Her husband, who was in bed, jumped up, and on examining the supposed body found it to be a dummy figure.

McLean and Deary (whose solicitor said they did it for a lark) were each fined £2, or fourteen days in prison.

AUCTIONS AND ESTATES

HISTORIC COUNTY SEAT IN THE MARKET.

During the week a number of important properties will come under the hammer. On Tuesday, at Hanover Square, Knight, Frank and Rutley will offer by auction the estate of Durris, of 16,000 acres, on Deeside, with six and a-half miles of salmon fishing in the River Dee. The sale will include Durris House, the grouse moor, and fifty-two farms. Carvers, Haslemere, will be offered the same day at Hanover Square in conjunction with C. Bridger and Sons.

Overtoun House, fourteen miles from Glasgow, will be submitted at Glasgow on Wednesday. On Thursday, at Hanover Square, Knight, Frank and Rutley will offer the historic county seat of Gorhambury, St. Albans. The sale will comprise some 6,159 acres, including the mansion, twenty-two farms, the interesting ruins of Bacon's house, and cottage properties, while there are nearly fourteen miles of frontages to main roads. Brenthurst, a Hendon freehold, will also be submitted at Hanover Square on Thursday.

The Starborough estate, on the Kent and Surrey borders, will be offered by auction by Knight, Frank and Rutley, at Oxted, on October 21. Situated between Lingfield and Edenbridge, the property covers some 539 acres, has a long frontage to a main road, and includes the Starborough stud farm, with a superior residence, farm buildings, and cottages. The land provides rich grazing.

Clobemon Hall, Co. Wexford, will be offered by auction by Knight, Frank, and Rutley, at Hanover Square, on October 16. Included in the sale is two and a-half miles of the best salmon fishing in the River Slaney, the average catch being 150 fish. The estate, which covers some 150 acres, has an early Georgian residence standing in a finely timbered park, while in the old-world grounds are trout and lily pools. The home farm is suitable for a model stud farm.

Extending to nearly 1,000 acres, the Wingfield House estate, about two miles from Trowbridge, is shortly to be offered for sale by auction by Knight, Frank, and Rutley. The River Frome intersects the estate for two miles, and the sale will include seven of the best dairy farms in Wiltshire.

A picturesque cottage residence, with grounds of some eight acres, Meadow Cottage, Preston, near Canterbury, is for sale by auction by Knight, Frank and Rutley. The land is arable and grass, and is stocked with 500 high-grade fruit trees. In conjunction with Warrington Bennett, the same firm will offer the Thickthorn estate of some 130 acres, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, at an early date.

Hampton and Sons will offer, at St. James' Square, on the 30th inst., a number of freehold residences situated in Herefordshire, Sussex, Devon, Surrey, and Yorkshire. On the same day W. J. Ross will offer at the London Auction Mart a freehold building site of about three acres, adjoining Brent tube station, and possessing a frontage of about 540 feet to Hendon Way. A freehold detached residence at 95, Shirehall Park, Golders Green, and two leasehold residences in Fellows Road, Hampstead, and Ridge Hill, Golders Green.

At Ashford, Knight, Frank and Rutley sold under the hammer for £2,500 the dairy farm of Court Lodge, Sellindge. The remaining portions of Vann Farm, Ockley, comprising about seventy acres, have also been sold by Knight, Frank and Rutley, who have disposed privately of Hayes Grove, Hayes Common, Kent, a freehold residence with grounds of eight acres. Mr. H. W. Doolidge acted for the purchaser of Hayes Grove.

Shopwyke Hall, two miles East of Chichester, an attractive early Georgian residence of toned red brick and tile, dating from 1720, is for sale by Gordon Prior and Goodwin. There are well-timbered grounds and pasture of eight acres.

EXTENSION LECTURES.

A varied programme of University Extension Lectures for the coming session has been issued by the University of London, South Kensington.

Courses will be delivered not only in the City, but also at over fifty local centres in different parts of London and the suburbs, and the subjects will cover a wide range. Amongst the lecturers will be Dr. A. Compton-Rickett, Sir Banister Fletcher, Professor E. A. Gardner, Mr. C. E. M. Joad, Rev. Father McNabb, Sir John Marriott, The Master of the Temple, and Professor D. M. S. Watson.

Rugby Football.

LONDON CLUBS OPEN BRIGHTLY.

BLACKHEATH'S HARD GAMES—SMART WORK BY GUY'S.

LEICESTER AND GLOUCESTER WIN DECISIVELY.

London clubs got off the mark in earnest yesterday, the biggest attraction of the day being at the Rectory Field, where one of the two fifteens Blackheath fielded found Rosslyn Park in excellent form, and "the Club" just scraped home. The other Blackheath side lost by a point at Bedford. The Old Paulines opened their new ground at Thames Ditton most auspiciously, for they beat the Old Blues handsomely, a somewhat surprising result. Guy's shaped quite well to beat Catford Bridge so handsomely. The U.C.S. Old Boys promised to do well in the early stages of the game at Northampton, but were outpointed in the later stages.

Lancashire continued their tour in the West of England, but this time fell heavily at Torquay, where the Devon side played rousing football, their tackling being very determined.

Bath are making quite a good show this season, for they added to their good record by holding the United Services at Portsmouth, where 18 points were shared, having held the lead up to the interval. Manchester, on the other hand, met with a further defeat, though it must be said they fielded a weak side at Bradford.

That Bristol are again going to be one of the sides of the season was demonstrated by the manner in which they overthrew Swansea, for this confirmed their earlier success at Cardiff. Devonport had a light match, and won easily against Falmouth.

Gloucester, at home, were too strong for Moseley, but Leicester found Plymouth severe opposition in the first half, though they won easily enough in the end.

BLACKHEATH'S OPENING MATCH.

A WELL-DESERVED WIN.

By D. R. GENT.

BLACKHEATH 9 pts., ROSSLYN PARK 4.

It was not all high-class football that we saw at the Rectory Field yesterday afternoon, but I thought nearly all of it was interesting, especially after making allowances for the fact that the high wind made the control of the ball exceedingly difficult. Blackheath won by a penalty goal and two tries to a dropped goal, after being behind at half-time.

The club deserved their win because they were better behind the scrum than their opponents. When the ball did get cleanly away from the scrummage there were men like J. T. Kemp, C. C. Bishop, and D. E. Morris in particular, waiting to put in, occasionally, at least, quite clever work. One need hardly say that the machinery did not work smoothly always, for the Rosslyn Park tackling was another factor that made this impossible. Still, these men were always trying things, and two quite good tries were the result. On the other hand, Rosslyn Park had quite as many chances, but had not the skill behind to drive them home.

The strength of the pack lay in their forwards, who, in the loose especially, were very good indeed. They used their feet well, and marked their opponents very keenly. P. T. Cooper, the old Cambridge forward, led them very effectively, and R. J. Iliffe and J. S. Lewis seemed to help him as much as anybody. Behind the scrum W. R. Collins was outstanding, and was always doing useful work for his side.

I cannot remember seeing the Blackheath full-back, S. T. Radcliffe, before, but liked his style. He is one of those big, upstanding, full-backs, like the old Blackheath player, H. A. Clayton Green, and uses his weight to very good effect, not kicking as soon as he gets the ball, but often forcing his way past half-hearted tacklers, and then getting in a long kick under more comfortable circumstances. J. A. Giles, last year's full-back, was in the centre, and did a few good things, especially on one occasion in the second half, when his pace and dash practically gave his wing man a try. Considering that it was so early in the season, I thought both sets of men stuck it out well.

Both clubs fielded quite good sides—in both cases probably the best available, except that W. E. Pratten, the Blackheath captain, was unable to play. Pratten had the misfortune to put his knee out in an early trial. There was a very small crowd present, and the weather, though fine, was decidedly squally when Kemp kicked off for Blackheath. A strong forward rush by the Park took play into the Blackheath half, and there it stayed for some minutes, the ball being kept very close. At last the ball got loose, and Standerwick, after a short run, punted ahead. The kick was not too well placed, and Radcliffe was able to field it cleanly and get the ball back into the visitors' half of the field.

A Neat Goal.

Then followed a rather promising bout of passing, Bishop, Giles, and Morris handling. But Morris's short kick ahead was fielded by Standerwick, and he promptly put the ball into touch. With a strong wind in their favour Rosslyn Park very sensibly used the touchline a good deal, and this, together with strong individual dashes, constituted their main form of attack. Then followed quite a good piece of work. Collins started it, and by good passing, in which half a dozen took part, Rosslyn Park forced the game right on to the Blackheath line. In fact, Morris was actually tackled in possession behind his own line.

From the scrum that followed, however, Bishop ran very well indeed, and almost reached the half-way line before being brought down. From some loose play in midfield, Bonaventura sent out a capital long pass to his three-quarters. Giles took it well, and had he just been able to shake his opposite number clear he might have put Morris in. But Baker tackled him well, and the pass went astray.

There was a scrum near the Blackheath line, and the ball was passed—not too well—to Collins. The outside-half turned round smartly, picked up, and dropped a neat goal about twenty-five minutes after the start, giving the Park a lead that they well deserved. The Park kept up their worrying tactics, and the forwards in particular were quickly on anything in the way of a fumble. A tricky run by Bishop gave Blackheath a little relief, and the same player, a minute later, sent his backs away nicely. Morris kicked across, and Hamilton Smythe had an unsuccessful shot at a dropped goal.

But Blackheath pressed home the good position they had gained, and a neat pass by Bishop to Giles saw the latter cut inside and force himself over in the corner for a good try, which Kemp failed to convert.

With the re-start, by kicking and forward rushes, Rosslyn Park covered the length of the field, and the game was once more right on the Blackheath line. Nothing came of it, though, and the home side gradually forced play to the half-way line, where it was when the whistle went for half-time, Rosslyn Park leading by 4 points to 3.

The Second Half.

An interception by Hamilton Smythe was well used by the centre, for he placed a high punt with excellent judgment. The Rosslyn Park full-back was unable to field it, and Tucker had hard lines in not scoring, for he trod on the ball instead of giving it just that tap that was bound to lead to a try. A visitors' forward got off-side in the play that followed, and Kemp made quite a good, though unsuccessful, attempt at a penalty goal. Strangely enough, not two minutes later he had another chance—a more difficult one this time. But it was a much better kick, and Blackheath duly took the lead. Play was dull for some minutes now, only relieved by an amusing effort by the Blackheath backs. Devitt started it with a very long pass to mid-field—not to a player, but to an open space. At last Giles got to the ball, fumbled it, and then passed wildly to his wing man, Morris whom it never touched, the ball rolling quietly into touch, having travelled from one touch-line to the other.

After Forbes Bassett and Kendall had put in a good rush for the Park, Bishop broke away, and, handing off Collins, made a lot of ground before giving Hamilton Smythe a pass that was knocked on, the centre coming into it much too hard. About twenty minutes of this half had gone when Blackheath scored a very good try indeed. Giles ran splendidly, brushing aside two or three half-tackles, and then gave a good pass at the right time to Morris. The wing man was checked, but was able to hurl himself over within a few inches of the corner flag. The kick was again too difficult for Kemp.

BLACKHEATH.—S. T. A. Radcliffe; D. E. Morris, J. A. N. Giles, A. F. Hamilton Smythe, Sir T. G. Devitt; C. C. Bishop, J. T. Kemp; H. H. C. Withers, M. S. Bonaventura, R. H. Charsley, T. F. Mitchell, A. L. Holland, W. E. Tucker (capt.), V. J. Flynn, R. F. Ohlsson.

ROSSLYN PARK.—J. D. Bradford; F. J. Dent, R. E. Lauder, R. L. Baker, J. S. Standerwick; W. R. Collins, A. K. Woodhouse; P. T. Cooper (capt.), H. O. Bramble, G. V. Shillito, F. S. Kendall, R. J. Iliffe, J. S. Lewis, R. G. Forbes-Bassett, E. B. Eason.

Referee: Mr. W. J. Llewellyn.

LEICESTER'S CLEVER BACKS

DECISIVE FACTOR IN GAME WITH PLYMOUTH.

LEICESTER 20 pts., PLYMOUTH ALBION 9.

The visit of the Albion to Leicester proved a great attraction. In a well-fought first half the Plymouth team secured the lead. Leicester had rather the better of the early stages of the game, and Saunders scored an unconverted try. The Leicester backs handled well, but the finishing was not too good. The Plymouth forwards at length began to make the game lively, and Start equalised with a penalty goal. Rees gave the visitors the lead with a try just before the interval.

Plymouth forwards did very well in the second half, but Greenlees, White, and Farndon quickly added tries for Leicester, two being converted by Greenlees. Plymouth replied with a try from Wilson, but just before the close Greenlees added a dropped goal for Leicester. The Plymouth forwards played a great game, but the Leicester backs dominated play.

GUY'S BRIGHT START.

FREE SCORING AGAINST CATFORD BRIDGE.

GUY'S HOSPITAL 16 pts., CATFORD BRIDGE 0.

Guy's Hospital opened their season with a convincing win at home over Catford Bridge. Only between two and three hundred people attended at Honor Oak Park. A very strong wind greatly interfered with the passing movements, though Windsor Lewis gave Guy's the lead with a penalty goal ten minutes from the start. Tries came soon after from Thomas and Lashmore, O'Shea converting both. The greater experience and the speed of Guy's behind the scrum enabled them to exert much pressure.

With the exception of the brothers Boty, half-backs, Catford were very elementary, lacking cohesion behind the scrum. Guy's, while superior in all departments, were not too convincing. Windsor Lewis played a great game at stand-off half, and Lashmore did many fine things in the loose rushes. A. D. Lewis made a splendid run following a movement started by Windsor Lewis, scoring an unconverted try in the second stage.

In previous seasons Catford Bridge have generally managed to give their more experienced opponents a close struggle, but on the present occasion they were badly outplayed and only lack of finish on the part of the Guy's backs, coupled with the difficulties engendered by a strong cross wind, kept the margin within reasonable limits.

Apart from the brothers Boty at half-back, the work of the visitors was rather elementary. Both the halves excelled in their handling of the ball and the manner in which they passed out, but in every other phase of the game the Hospital were greatly superior.

EASY WIN FOR COVENTRY.

NUNEATON 0 pts., COVENTRY 22.

Coventry paid a visit to Nuneaton yesterday. The weather was stormy and only 1,500 people attended. Coventry soon pressed, and Wilkinson scored a try from a pass by Gascoigne. Bonham failed to convert. Soon after Mayo added another try for the visitors, and Bonham converted. Nuneaton then attacked and Wright nearly got over. The home team had a good share of the play towards the interval, but the backs lacked finish, and Coventry crossed over with a lead of 8 points to nil.

Soon after restarting the second half Roberts got over from a line-out close to Nuneaton's line, but Bonham failed to convert. After a spell of even play Coventry got away, and Coulson went over for a try which Carter converted. Mayo scored two further tries for Coventry, which Carter failed to convert. The victory of the visitors was chiefly due to the extra speed of their backs.

H.A.C. BEAT TROJANS.

H.A.C. 8 pts., TROJANS 3.

H.A.C. won their opening match against the Trojans by a goal and a try (8 pts.) to a try (3). It was a keen but scrappy game, and the scores were the result more of individual opportunism than of concerted team play. Hoghtar dribbled over the line for the H.A.C. soon after the start, but the kick failed and Vincent replied for the Trojans. There was no further score until ten minutes before the end, when Carey got over again for the H.A.C. and Shepherd converted.

Lea, in the scrum, and Parker, on the left wing, were prominent for H.A.C. The Trojans pack all played well and got the ball more frequently in the line-out. They were unfortunate to lose their fly-half just before half-time.

DOMINANT LLANELLY.

LLANELLY 11 pts., ABERAVON 3.

Llanelly were in splendid form when meeting Aberavon at Llanelly in windy weather, before 2,000 spectators. The home side, who were without R. Nicholas, had the advantage of the wind, and early on their backs, especially D. John and Richards, displayed great form. Aberavon played the correct game in keeping the ball close, and their forwards, full of fire in the loose, also had the better of the scrums. Tries were scored for Llanelly by Bert Jones and Bryn Evans. Emlyn Hughes converted one of these, while D. John placed a penalty goal.

Almost throughout the second half the forwards controlled the play, and in this respect Llanelly showed a great improvement on their first-half form. By means of strong dribbles, headed by Parker and Lang, they maintained hot pressure on the Aberavon line, but James and Selby in particular were responsible for fine defensive work. So well did the Llanelly forwards play that not until the final minute did Aberavon appear really dangerous, and then they forced a corner try through E. Thomas, which was not converted.

FAST GAME DRAWN.

PENARTH 6 pts., NEWPORT 6.

These clubs met yesterday at Penarth, in heavy rain, before a poor attendance. Penarth faced Newport with a rearranged side, and within ten minutes they had taken the lead through Glen Jones. Lee failed with the goal kick. While the Penarth three-quarters were inclined to be shaky, the forward line exhibited far more thrust than Newport. Austin Matthews completed a rush by the Penarth forwards and scored a second try, the kick again failing. Ralph replied with a try for Newport, which was not converted. Thus Penarth crossed over leading by 3 points.

Playing with the wind in the second half, Newport penetrated Penarth's defence and used their weight in attack. Following a fine movement among the Newport three-quarters, Watkins brought the scores level. The kick at goal failed. It was a game of speed rather than of skill.

Rugby results will be found on page 26.

COUNTY GAME.

LANCASHIRE'S HEAVY DEFEAT.

CLEVER DEVON.

DEVON 25 pts., LANCASHIRE 0.

Devon overran Lancashire at Torquay, and won by 25 pts. to nil in the presence of 4,000 spectators in showery weather. Devon dominated the first half, the play of the forwards being exceptionally fast, the men being very quick on the ball. Tries were scored by Hordern, Ashford, Townsend, and Gwyn Richards. Lancashire's three-quarters were quick when they got going, but Devon's tackling was deadly. The home county were exceptionally well served by their forwards.

In the second half Townsend, Glyn Richards, and Armitage scored tries. Stanbury goaled two. Lancashire were clearly beaten forward and their three-quarters had no chance to move. Devon repeatedly made raids, and the cleverness of their half-backs and forwards enabled them to well beat their opponents.

WON BY A POINT.

BEDFORD'S NARROW SUCCESS OVER "THE CLUB."

BEDFORD 11 pts., BLACKHEATH 10.

Bedford entertained the other fifteen fielded by Blackheath, and a good game resulted. Despite heavy rain, which had preceded the game, there was good handling under bad conditions. Bedford scored after fifteen minutes through Ashell. Blackheath replied, and Wentworth scored a try which he converted. Blackheath continued to attack, but failed to pierce a good defence.

Blackheath pressed after the interval and Laing scored after a splendid run, but Bedford immediately retaliated with an unconverted try by Brumwell. Blackheath were kept defending, and Brumwell added a try which was goaled. Bedford attacked to the end.

OLD PAULINE'S NEW GROUND.

OPENING AUSPICIOUSLY CELEBRATED

OLD PAULINES 16 pts., OLD BLUES 3.

The Paulines' magnificent new ground at Thames Ditton, some fifteen acres in extent, was formally opened on Saturday by Mr. W. T. Pearce, president of the Rugby Union, in the presence of a distinguished company.

Subsequently the Paulines met and defeated the Old Blues by two placed goals, one penalty goal and one try (16 points to one try (3 points) in a typically Old Boy game.

Relentless tackling countered a spirited attack, and no score was registered until the second half was well under way, though there were many movements in the first period that deserved success. The Paulines richly deserved their win, for they not only held their opponents against a strong wind in the first half, but displayed the better tactics throughout.

The advantage forward lay with the Paulines, and the failure of the Blues' pack to get the ball in tight scrums led up to the almost total eclipse of their outsides. With a capital service from the scrum and a brilliant fly-half in G. B. Cook to set them going, the Paulines' backs were always in the picture in attack and showed wonderful soundness in defence.

The scoring started a few minutes after the interval, J. S. H. King kicking a penalty goal for the Paulines followed by an unconverted try by T. G. Jennings for the Blues. Carrying all before them, the Paulines subsequently put on three tries through J. H. Salnons, G. B. Cook, and R. H. B. Nicholls, King, and R. A. P. Hogbin each converting one.

LONDON WELSH WIN.

A BRILLIANT STAND-OFF HALF.

UPPER CLAPTON 3 pts., LONDON WELSH 21.

The London Welsh victory over Upper Clapton at Bush Hill Park by two goals (one dropped) and four tries to one try was largely due to a brilliant display by R. Lewis at stand-off-half, who jumped right into top form at once and had a hand in scoring nearly all the Welsh tries. He was well supported by Arthur Jones at centre-threequarter, and Powell at the base of the scrum.

The Welsh had T. J. Davies, from the Edgware Club, at full-back, and, after allowing himself to be tackled with the ball two or three times, he dropped a neat goal at thirty yards range. A feature of Upper Clapton's display was the fine tackling by both backs and forwards. Their backs, of whom Clarke-Lens was the pick, were nothing like so impressive as the opposing set; and Tucker and Turck were the best of a fine set of forwards who were quite as good as their opponents except in the matter of getting possession from the scrums.

In the first half J. Williams and A. Jones scored unconverted tries for the Welsh, each the result of a pretty passing movement, and T. J. Davies dropped a goal. On change of ends further tries for the visitors were obtained by Roberts, W. A. V. Thomas, and Lewis, the first being converted by Lewis. Tucker obtained an unconverted try for the losers.

U.C.S. OLD BOYS FALL AWAY.

NORTHAMPTON 17 pts., U.C.S. OLD BOYS 8.

The U.C.S. Old Boys were in exceedingly good form at Northampton, where they gave the "Saints" a hard game. The visitors opened the scoring through a try by Sutcliffe, McKenzie converting. Harris reduced the arrears with a try which Preen failed to convert. Wildon, however, scored again for the Old Boys, who were subsequently penalised, Preen scoring from the kick.

The visitors failed to maintain their first-half form on resuming, and Cleaver added a try for Northampton, which Preen converted, and Coley crossed for two unconverted tries. Northampton deserved their victory, and were in no way flattered by the scoring.

MOSELEY OUTPLAYED.

GLOUCESTER 23 pts., MOSELEY 0.

Gloucester beat Moseley decisively at Gloucester before 3,000. Boughton made his first appearance of the season for Gloucester. The opening play was fast and in favour of Moseley, but Gloucester soon settled down and attacked strongly. Tries were scored by Stephens and Davies, Boughton converting one and also kicking a penalty goal.

Gloucester were immeasurably superior in the second half, though the backs spoiled a number of openings by faulty handling. Tries were scored by Price, Franklin, Comley, and Loveridge, but all place-kicks failed. Moseley were outplayed after a dashing start.

THE SERVICES EXTENDED.

UNITED SERVICES 9 pts., BATH 9.

Rough weather was associated with the meeting of the Services and Bath at Portsmouth yesterday, and the attendance only reached 1,000. The Services had to play against the wind in the first half, and were mostly defending. Twenty-five minutes elapsed, however, before Banks dropped a goal for Bath. Lee then got an unconverted try for the Services, but Hancock soon put Bath in front, scoring a try which Weeks converted. Thus at the interval the visitors led by 9 points to 3.

The Services improved considerably in the second half, and after fifteen minutes Forrest reduced Bath's lead with a penalty goal. Buckley next levelled the scores with an unconverted try, but Bath were able to prevent the Services snatching the victory.

EDGWARE'S NARROW WIN.

EDGWARE 4 pts., U.S. (PORTSMOUTH) 0.

A slippery ball mitigated against accurate play at Edgware yesterday, where the United Services from Portsmouth played remarkably well to hold the home team to the margin of a dropped goal. Orr-Ewing led the Services' forwards magnificently and Mureman and Nicholas formed a dangerous wing. After a fruitless first half, Edgware pressed continually in the second half, Scully, Monk, Evans, and Davies all going close, only for Williams to win the match with a clever dropped goal. Both the full-backs, Nash for Edgware and Murray for the Services, played well.

MANCHESTER LOSE AGAIN.

BRADFORD 23 pts., MANCHESTER 8.

Manchester met with their second successive defeat when they met Bradford at Lidget Green, in fine weather, before 500 spectators. They had, however, a weakened side and were outclassed in the first half, tries being scored for Bradford by E. F. Simpson (3), Holmes and Boyce, Robinson adding the goal points to the last-named try. Gaddum got a try for Manchester, Peak adding the goal points.

Manchester played much better after the interval, but they failed to penetrate the solid Bradford defence. Peak kicked a penalty goal for Manchester, and Boyce and Smith added unconverted tries for Bradford.

ROUGH RUGBY AT BRISTOL.

REFEREE INTERVENES.

SWANSEA'S POOR HANDLING.

BRISTOL 10 pts., SWANSEA 0.

Bristol made their first appearance at home before 8,000 spectators. Rain fell heavily in the early stages. Both sides were at full strength. Play favoured Swansea for some time, their forwards showing great form. Handling was difficult owing to the greasy state of the ball, and the only try scored in the first half was gained by Lillicrap for Bristol, Hazell failing with the kick.

Swansea missed chances of getting on terms in the second half by bad handling, Howie Jones dropping the ball with a clear field. The home backs got going, and Dowling scored after brilliant passing. Play became rough, and the referee had to intervene. Swansea played strongly towards the close, but Bristol increased their lead with a dropped goal by Barrington.

Generally speaking, Bristol failed to reproduce the form shown against Cardiff a week ago, and with Swansea also not at their best the game was rather disappointing. The conditions were not conducive to good rugby as far as the backs were concerned, the ball being difficult to handle. The result was that the forwards had most of the play, and it was only occasionally that the backs were in operation.

Swansea relied mostly on their forwards, a fast, virile, and clever set of players, who showed to great advantage in the loose. John Day and D. F. Thomas were the pick.

Play was very keen, and it was to be regretted that feeling entered into the game at times.

Bristol's forwards, though good, were not seen to great advantage, and Swansea did most of the attacking in the early stages of both halves. Towards the close, however, Bristol improved, and, in addition to staving off some very strong attacks, gave the visiting defence plenty to do.

Carter, at the base of the home scrum, was opposed to a very smart opponent in Bryn Evans, and he did not get the ball away well. However, when the ball reached Barrington there was always danger for Swansea, the fly-half being very elusive and making some capital openings. He had a hand in each of the two tries scored, and again proved that he will be a decided asset to the side. Bristol were superior behind the scrum as a whole, Burland seconding Barrington's efforts in an excellent manner, while he was a tower of strength in the defence. Dowling and Lillicrap made most of the few chances that came their way on the wings.

Swansea had their opportunities, but threw them away by poor handling. Trew was not so prominent as usual, and found Barrington rather too smart for him. Most conspicuous in the visiting back division were Davey and Howie Jones, who were always dangerous when on the move, and it was as well for Bristol that they did not get more chances. E. Jones played very finely for Swansea at full-back, and Brown also showed excellent form for Bristol.

SUTTON HANDICAPPED.

THIRTEEN PLAYERS FINISH GAME.

WASPS 18 pts., SUTTON 5.

The Wasps beat Sutton at Sudbury by 6 tries to one placed goal. Sutton started with a strong wind behind them, and for some minutes play was mostly in mid-field. They then had the misfortune to lose one of their forwards, who was carried off and did not return. A movement by the Wasps' backs gave Hopkins a chance to run over for a good try. Some kicking amongst the forwards sent the ball over, and Hopkins again touched down.

The strong wind and driving rain shortly before half-time made conditions unpleasant and good handling impossible; but a good piece of work by Saunders led to another try. The Wasps' full-back followed up his own kick, secured the ball, and touched down. Then Cooke and Stevens both scored. Piggot, the Sutton wing, secured the ball near his own "25," and running strongly, scored wide out, and Packard landed an excellent goal. Compton again went over for the Wasps, but this attempt at conversion, like all the others, failed. Sutton had the misfortune to lose another forward before the second half was half-way through.

PONTYPOOL HELD.

PONTYPOOL 3 pts., CARDIFF 3.

Stormy weather attended this match at Pontypool, and the attendance was only 2,000. Pontypool played Hockey, of Newbridge, at inside-half. The heeling on both sides was ragged, but Bodger's quick following up was of great value to Pontypool. The only score in the first half was by Bayliss, Pontypool's full-back, who kicked an easy goal from a penalty awarded for a scrum offence.

Cardiff had considerably more of the play in the second half, and Boon made several good dashes on the wing. Graham and Jenkins, who played a fine game at inside-half for Cardiff, started the passing movement which ended in John Roberts scoring a try.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RUGBY.

PROSPECTS OF THE SIDES.

RUGBY AND MARLBORO' CONFIDENT.

ETON'S HANDICAP.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The beginning of the Michaelmas term is always an anxious time for the captain of football, who has to set his house in order for the coming season. So much depends upon the weather. He may have quite a nucleus of old colours on whom to build the new side, or he may have only himself left from last year's fifteen, but that is not of such importance as the state of the practice grounds, which frequently, as was the case last year, are too hard for serious practice.

This may throw a side back for weeks, and in more than one case last year the first time the new side played together was when they met a rival school. The clubs, meanwhile, have had more than one game together, so that the schools are handicapped in the matter of combination, in addition to weight.

Though still very hard an inch below the surface, the grounds this September have benefited by recent rains, and there should be little fear of a repetition of the accidents in the first few weeks of term which affected the Schools so seriously last season.

Rugby were one of the unfortunate sides last season. Owing to injuries in the early practice games, the fifteen never really got together, and never took the field at full strength. A drawn game was played with Uppingham, who scored a goal and two tries in the first half, Rugby equalising after the interval, and Eton were beaten in the last match of the season. The matches with Cheltenham, Harrow, and Wellington were all lost after well-contested games. The side should do better this year under R. G. Lewthwaite, a genuine scrummager, who will lead the forwards. There are five other old "fifteens," J. H. Thomas, a safe and brilliant full-back, may come up to the three-quarter line, of whom there remain C. H. Pridmore, in the centre, and K. L. T. Jackson, captain elect of cricket. A partner at the base of the scrum will have to be found for J. S. Rowell, the fly-half, and P. R. Bowring is the only other left of the forwards. There will be little difficulty in filling the vacancies in the pack.

Cheltenham took a long time to settle down in 1928, but there was a great improvement after Christmas; Clifton, Rugby, and Downside were defeated, while closely contested games were lost to Marlborough and Wellington. Of that side there remain J. K. Windeatt, a full-back, and T. G. O'Dwyer, a young centre-three-quarter, of whom much is expected, and J. B. Bowers, J. H. Cooper, and I. N. Brettell, forwards. Such players as T. A. Higson, a very clever wing forward, R. H. A. Leigh, the right-wing three-quarter, will be hard to replace, but if efficient substitutes for D. A. C. Page and J. S. W. Meikle, the halves, can be found, the side should again do well.

MARLBOROUGH'S LOSS.

Marlborough, who confine their fixture card to nine matches before Christmas, the Easter term being devoted to hockey, do not enter upon their programme until the third week in October, by which time the side is practically settled. They were a very good side last year. Such a versatile player as C. H. Arundel will be greatly missed, and a new pair of halves have to be found, but M. S. Page, who succeeds Arundel in the captaincy, is fortunate in retaining E. S. Nicholson and R. E. Prescott, his partners in the front row of the scrummage. R. H. E. Gladstone, one of the best left centre three-quarters in the Schools last year, who played for the Public Schools of the South against the North, at Bundellsands, is also available, and Marlborough have a wide selection for the vacancies.

Eton had a much improved record last Easter from the two previous seasons, but they are still much handicapped by lack of numbers from whom to select the side. The river, beagles, association football, rackets, fives, etc., all provide counter attractions, and there are seldom 100 who devote themselves to the Rugby game. It was not surprising that they lost to Rugby and Radley, and such a fine side as Wellington but they gained decisive victories over the Imperial Service College, Beaumont and Lancing. Of that side there remain H. Peat, at wing three-quarter, H. J. Keigwin, the fly half, and K. M. Payne, J. C. Atkinson-Clark, and C. H. Villiers of the pack, where the strength of Eton generally lies. Rugby is taken seriously, but as the game is not played until the Easter half, Eton can hardly hope to do themselves full justice against schools who have been playing together for months until they have a few practice games before Christmas.

St. Paul's were a little disappointing last year, losing to Bedford, Dulwich, Oundle and Radley, the last named by a place-kick only, though they won decisively against Felsted, Stowe, Merchant Taylors and Leys. J. B. Maclean, the captain, proved a very elusive runner in the centre, but though C. T. Pascall and G. G. Shneerson ran strongly on the wings, the combination was never quite satisfactory. The forwards, of whom G. E. Delafield and M. Feiwel were always conspicuous, put in many good rushes, but the packing was frequently at fault. Feiwel, a speedy and very energetic forward, succeeds Maclean, and G. B. W. P. Wright is also left from last year's pack, and Shneerson and Pascall, of whom the former will probably move to the centre, form the three-quarter line.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.

Merchant Taylors were a very young side last year, and lost to the London schools—Dulwich, St. Paul's, and Mill Hill—in addition to Beaumont and Christ's Hospital, but gained creditable victories over Dover and King's (Canterbury). P. Weeks, the captain, is a serious loss at the base of the scrum, but, with five of the outside division and F. W. English, J. T. Hamilton and W. G. Edmonds left of the old pack, their prospects for this season are bright. J. Plant is a dependable full-back, while J. Huskisson, the fly-half, and R. C. Fletcher, at centre three-quarters, and H. P. C. Harvey and J. N. Crisfield, a very good athlete, on the wings, all showed promise.

Mill Hill have to find an entirely new outside division, and it will be very difficult to replace the half-backs, G. Cavaghan and G. V. Walker, the late captain, who had so much to do with the success which attended the side. There will not be so much trouble with the forwards, as there remain C. S. Darke, D. V. Saunders, and W. G. Holmes to build the new pack round. Following a lean season, Mill Hill lost only to Dulwich and Brighton, defeating U.C.S., Merchant Taylors, Dover, and Leys, and they finished the season with a great victory over Blundell's, at Richmond Athletic Ground, by a goal and 3 tries to 2 tries.

Clifton may have some difficulty in finding efficient substitutes for G. C. Darlington and J. C. Sisson, who well understood each other's play at half, but should they do so the side should develop into a really good one. E. M. Bainbridge, the right-wing three-quarter, and N. S. Merrett and R. K. Jones on the left are again available, and D. B. Cameron, G. F. Morgan and W. E. Carr of the pack.

HAILEYBURY'S NEW LEADER.

Haileybury, as usual, had a good, if light, pack last year, and won four of their five matches. A. M. Greenwood, brother of the old Rugbeian, and Cambridge Blue of last year, succeeds A. R. Snelus in the captaincy, and will have the assistance of his old partner, A. W. D. Nicholls, at centre three-quarters, and H. J. Parton, full-back. The only other old colour is W. E. Cole, who will lead the forwards. Drooglever is a hefty wing three-quarter, who should be a valuable asset to the side, especially as a place-kick, and Dowson shows signs of developing into a really good scrum half. The main difficulty is at fly-half. There are plenty of competitors for the vacancies, including Johnson, Selby, Rogerson, Murray, and Ehrke, all of whom played for the fifteen at different times last season.

Tonbridge, with their usual heavy pack, a useful pair of halves, and a speedy three-quarter line, were a good side last year, and the prospects are bright, as five old colours remain, including J. C. S. Worley, wing three-quarter, and G. M. Leach, the fly-half; W. O. Cave will captain the side and lead the forwards, who include F. C. Wrigley, the hooker, and H. Ezekiel, a pronounced winger, heavy and fast. A new full-back will have to be found in place of R. G. Musson, who was very reliable, and R. F. Tothill and R. C. A. Brandram will be difficult to replace in the

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centre, and J. W. Crofton, at the base of the scrum. B. L. Garrett, a wing forward, R. S. Haines, and R. A. Warren are likely newcomers to the pack.

Bedford have six old colours left from last year, when, after a bad start, the fifteen made a good recovery. Of the forwards there remain only J. A. Edwards and Q. D. T. Hogg, and the leadership of W. E. Suter, a born hooker, will be missed, but outside the scrum four of the best players are left, in G. H. P. Fowler, a brilliant and safe full-back; G. R. M. G. Nevile, who scored many tries on the right wing; and the two half-backs, of whom C. W. Pearson, though very young, showed great promise, and made many openings at stand-off.

DULWICH'S NEW SIDE.

Dulwich have only two remaining of last year's successful fifteen. J. Edwards, who captains the side, is a fast and heavy wing forward, who can push in the scrummage when necessary. J. S. Young, the only other colour, is a hard-working forward, and always on the ball. There are several of last year's second team, who played occasionally for the first, available—notably, G. A. I. Williams, a promising full-back; D. A. French and M. A. Staniforth, speedy wing three-quarters; R. H. Spencer, a short, but sturdy, scrum-half; and R. G. Biggs, a forward. Other possibles are V. H. I. Knowland, a fly-half; S. C. Griffith, five-eighths; H. T. Bartlett and B. G. Chubb, centres; L. H. Lewisen and C. Kerr, forwards. D. H. Frankford, last season's captain, will be greatly missed in the centre, but it is hoped that he will do his training with the School before the Old Alleynians' matches start.

Radley, with the exception of a severe defeat at Downside, had a very good season, but this time W. H. Vestey, the captain, will be unavailable. Yet there remains the nucleus of a good side in H. B. V. Bruton, full-back, R. M. C. Thomas, scrum-half, and H. P. Dinwiddy, J. W. Tomkinson and J. H. G. Wells in the pack. Dinwiddy is a fine all-round athlete, and should prove an admirable leader.

Downside, who confine themselves almost entirely to school matches, are in a very happy position, as no fewer than nine of last season's successful side are again available. E. D. O'Connor, the left wing three-quarter, will again captain the side, of which there remain P. H. Biegel, the right wing, and his partner, T. Foley, in the centre, H. J. Whyte, the full-back, and H. W. Hibbert, the fly-half. J. A. Arnold, C. A. de Cosson, A. P. O'Connor and J. D. Marsden, four of the best forwards, are also available, so that little anxiety need be felt as to the pack, which is not always Downside's strong point.

DOVER'S STRONG POINT.

Dover will have only three old colours available—Goodbody, the captain, on the wing, and Barnett and Hamilton in the pack. There are some useful players available to fill the vacancies in the forward-line, and the School will probably be stronger here than in any other department. The most promising are Balding, Aylwin, Traill, McGrane, and Turner. The scrum-half position should be well filled, and if a good stand-off half can be discovered, the side may develop into a fairly good one. In the three-quarter line, Court, who showed promise last year, should make a good wing.

In view of the remarkable record of last year's fifteen—undefeated with 235 points to 38—the forthcoming season is regarded with keen interest by Sevenoaks. V. K. Littlewood, this year's captain, has four other old colours left—the back, a three-quarter, and three forwards. But last year's second fifteen was decidedly strong, and consequently there is much promising material. The pack should be as fast and as heavy as last year's; but the three-quarters will be harder to replace.

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MOTOR MATTERS.

SHOWROOM EXPENSES.

SOME NEW MODELS.

By GEORGE C. STEAD.

The expenditure on showroom premises by some firms is a point raised in a letter which I have received from a reader. "Is it not possible that the present price of motor-cars is influenced, at any rate to some extent, by the fact that the premises occupied by retail vendors become yearly more and more palatial?" No doubt other prospective buyers have had similar thoughts. It is often argued that the money expended on sites and as rentals payable in other cases must be a heavy item in the overhead charges. The ultimate purchaser is the man who finally pays for everything—the cost of manufacture of the car, the overhead expenses, and the profits of the maker and dealer. He therefore wishes to pay as little as possible and to obtain the greatest value for his money.

On the other hand, the trade side of the business wishes to make reasonable profits for shareholders, and it has to decide the best ways of doing so. With popular cars, it has been found that increased output results in lower manufacturing costs, and the makers of all but the most exclusive cars are aiming at increased production.

Now there are ways and means of increasing the demand for a car, and one of the most successful is that of newspaper advertising. Undoubtedly, too, the possession of adequate showrooms in which to display cars is another. It must also be remembered that competition is very keen, and the worth of a firm may be judged from its premises. There is, of course, a possibility that this "race" for more and more striking showrooms may go too far in some cases, but the normal operation of business competition usually enables these problems to find their own solution. Moreover, showroom costs are a matter for retailers: the selling price of motor-cars is fixed by the manufacturers.

STRIKING NEW DAIMLER.

Many years ago Daimlers startled the motoring world by pinning their faith to the sleeve-valve engine, a policy which has been more than justified by results. A more recent example of a notable innovation was the introduction of the double-six engine. This was followed recently by the provision of a fluid flywheel, working in conjunction with a pre-selective semi-automatic gearbox. As one of the oldest firms in the industry, this record is very striking

The latest Daimler, which has just made its appearance, incorporates the four features mentioned. It has a double-six sleeve-valve engine, a fluid flywheel, and the pre-selective gearbox. In addition, the chassis has been redesigned and conforms to the highest modern standards.

The new car is rated at 30-40 h.p., and the four major developments to be seen are a new type of sleeve-valve engine, the Daimler transmission system, the extended use of light alloys, and a reduction in height of the centre of gravity.

An inspection of the chassis shows that the new car is a wonderful specimen of engineering. Accessibility has been studied throughout and the use of light alloys has reduced the chassis weight without in any way interfering with the robustness of construction. Detail features of the engine are the instantly cleaned oil filter, the oil cooler, the automatically controlled radiator shutters, and the oil dumping valve in the crank chamber. Automatic spark control is provided with the coil ignition, there being separate ignition and carburation for each bank of cylinders.

The fluid flywheel and the gearbox I have dealt with on a previous occasion, but briefly the clutch works on the hydraulic system, whereby the car can be left at rest in gear with the engine running and acceleration is caused merely by opening the throttle. Each gear on the gearbox is selected beforehand by means of a small lever under the steering wheel, and when the change is actually required a small pedal is depressed and released. The final drive is by the Daimler underhung worm. The new Daimler marks a definite advance in luxury car manufacture, and the arrangements of simplified control must surely be unequalled.

MOTOR-CYCLE NUMBER PLATES.

On and after October 1 motor-cycles must carry a new size of rear number plate. A useful reminder to those who might overlook this fact is provided by the fleet of A.A. Road Service outfits, which all now carry the new plate.

THE LATEST FORD.

Interest is felt by all motorists in the Ford car, even if it is only for the invention of jokes. Even if some of the latter were justified in the case of the old Model T, nevertheless this was easily the most popular car in the world. The latest model is very different from its predecessor, in appearance, in construction, and in running.

From a somewhat extended experience with the latest model, I can easily understand the sudden leap to popularity which it made as soon as it was introduced. It is not often that a car is handed over to me with free permission to smash it up if possible, but such was the case with the Ford. Needless to say I was unsuccessful, as I stopped short of running into lamp-posts or driving it off a cliff.

The car which I was requested to treat brutally was the most expensive of the range. It cost not less than £245, and it included a four-door steel saloon body, with sliding roof, and full equipment of bumper bars, screen wiper, and all the usual fittings, and even included an electric direction indicator operated from the dash.

The engine was of 24-h.p. and the general design is conventional, with a dry plate clutch, three speeds and reverse, and final bevel drive. One striking exception is the springing. This is by a single inverted half elliptic set across the frame at front and rear. This gives a two point suspension of the chassis, and prevents any frame flexure however uneven the ground.

The first part of my test was a scurry round Brooklands in which the Ford went on happily lap after lap without any misbehaviour as regards cooling, lubrication and steering. It exceeded 60 m.p.h. over the half-mile, and the springing was really good. Then we dived into the country and drove across country in places, over tree stumps, jumping ditches and fording water splashes. All these obstacles the Ford took serenely in its stride, and the generous ground clearance allowed of considerable liberties being taken.

Later, long distance runs were made over more normal roads, where the Ford showed its ability to maintain an extremely good average with a full load. Its acceleration is particularly good, while the brakes are powerful and do not interfere with the steering.

A not unimportant feature of being a Ford owner is that you know exactly where you are for spare parts and for service charges. Everything is carefully catalogued, and the price for any operation or material can be seen at a glance, before the work is put in hand. When the new factory at Dagenham is completed there should soon be a flood of Fords built in Britain on the roads.

A NEW BENTLEY.

For next season Bentley Motors, Ltd., have introduced a new car which is larger than any they have hitherto manufactured. It has a six-cylinder engine of eight litres capacity, and is rated at 44.9 h.p. The chassis frame is downswept from the front and rear axles towards the centre to give as stable a car as possible, while a central lubrication system considerably simplifies upkeep. The 4½-litre models, both supercharged and ordinary, and the 6½ litre six-cylinder model will be continued for 1931 unchanged.

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RACING NOTES.

THE AUTUMN DOUBLE.

WHAT THIS WEEK MAY REVEAL.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HORSES ENGAGED.

By "FAIRWAY."

The "autumn double" gets more interesting every day, and by the end of this week it should be possible to pick out one or two candidates for both events and connect them in sporting doubles. An event that should be very instructive—as far as the Cesarewitch is concerned—is the Newbury Cup, which is staged on Saturday, for if through a 10 lb. penalty the winner's chance at Newmarket is more or less wiped out, the event should reveal much that may be instructive about others. We are promised another interesting duel between Show Girl and Old Orkney, who were responsible for a thrilling finish in the corresponding race last September, when they ran a dead-heat. A glance at the weights suggests that Old Orkney may run away from the other this time, for he has a pull of no less than 18 lb.

In the ordinary course of events no other guide would be necessary, but it so happens that Show Girl is of a youthful age compared with the other, and it is quite on the cards that her improvement in the twelve months is most marked. We get a certain amount of encouragement to think she has made considerable headway when glancing back at her display at Newcastle, for there she won the Northumberland Plate, which is run over two miles, from West Wicklow. I believe I am correct in stating that she has done all that has been asked of her since, almost to the point of causing her trainer, Watts, to be fairly confident that she will win one of the many stayers' events this back-end, even if the Cesarewitch journey proves too much for her.

OLD ORKNEY'S CHANCE.

Old Orkney has not run since he figured in the Newbury Summer Cup, which race was not far enough to bring out his best qualities. He has but to turn out as well as he was at Ascot, where he took on Brown Jack, to be difficult to beat.

But there are others, apart from this pair, that have to be considered, even if most of the light-weights are left out on account of the moderate form they have shown. In addition to Old Orkney, Major Sneyd also has Joyous Greeting and Coup de Grace engaged, and the former of these two has shown himself to be more than useful. Arctic Star showed at Doncaster, where he beat The Bastard, that he is as good as he was a couple of years ago, when he won the Cesarewitch, but at a difference of 5 lb. with Old Orkney he appears to have been given his full share of weight. Baytown is less interesting than many others. I am inclined to doubt his ability to stay beyond two miles. The Stanley House gelding, West Wicklow, has, I understand, got over his cracked heel trouble, which prevented him from running in the Prince Edward Handicap, and is a certain starter. With him, however, there is an additional risk that he may not battle out the finish.

THE FRENCH CANDIDATES.

The French mare, Oletta, is likely to be the selected of S. H. Darling's three he has engaged, for, apart from the fact that she is not to be found among the Cesarewitch field, her victory at Manchester, where she won the Cup, suggests that she is most forward in condition.

As a guide to his chance at Newmarket, it would, of course, be more interesting if Brumeux ran instead, for he is a colt it is difficult not to be interested in after the promising display he put up in the Ebor Handicap. Since that outing reports from Newmarket that concern him are most flattering. We are, for instance, led to believe that there is no more improved stayer at that quarter. There are others engaged at Newbury on Saturday that have shown signs of late of improvement, and, no doubt, many of them will be allowed to take their chances. But for the winner I am satisfied to rely on Oletta, whose victory over Boss of the Show proved her to be particularly smart.

But for a slightly disturbing report that Old Orkney has been held up in his work on the Downs of late, I should have regarded him as the main danger to Mr. Macomber's filly. On this account, I think Oletta will be most troubled to beat Show Girl.

News of an inspiring nature concerning the Cesarewitch hints that there are few with better chances than Brown Jack. It is possible to name half a dozen others also genuinely fancied that can be singled out for a sporting ante-post double, and in this group I include Brumeux, Friendship, and Richborough.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The Cambridgeshire is more puzzling. The Recorder appears to have as good a chance as any of the Beckhampton batch, but there may be something better for the race at Newmarket. Sam Darling has a useful team from which he can select, and it will come in no way as a surprise to hear that Leonidas II., who won the Lincolnshire Handicap when not thought anywhere near ready, is the best. Tullycross is another trained by him that must also be considered. A number of Cambridgeshire candidates hold engagements this week, and the chances are we shall be considerably enlightened by next week-end.

The Trial Plate, which will be run at York on Thursday, is particularly interesting. It is hardly likely that Alcester will be asked to carry his high weight, but we shall probably see Leonidas II. or Ardglass saddled, as well as Flying Argosy and many others that are being seriously considered for the second half of the autumn double.

The week is, in fact, crowded with interesting events, beginning to-morrow at Leicester and Brighton, with Gatwick and York staged in the middle of the week and Newbury and Lanark at the week-end. We are entitled to think seriously of Truncheon's chance in the Harborough Handicap at Leicester to-morrow, for he was unlucky not to have beaten Mint Master at Edinburgh. A stride past the post he had the lead. On the second day at the Midland gathering Livid is entitled to be followed up after the confident way he was backed at Ayr. This easy course should suit them better. My other fancies are appended:—

LEICESTER.—Monday.
Gopsall Nursery.—PRIORY LASS.
Oadby Breeders' Plate.—SOMERSET.
Harborough Handicap.—TRUNCHEON.

LEICESTER.—Tuesday.
Leicestershire Handicap.—FLUTE.
Loughborough Plate.—LIVID.

BRIGHTON.—Monday.
Newhaven Nursery.—PUNKAWALLA.
Cup.—RAVENSCAR.

BRIGHTON.—Tuesday.
Palace Handicap.—ROYAL BLUSH.
Hove Nursery.—CLOVE HITCH.

GATWICK.—Wednesday.
Stayers' Handicap.—BOSS OF THE SHOW.
Charlwood Handicap.—THE URCHIN.

GATWICK.—Thursday.
County Nursery.—RANGALA.
Surrey Plate.—THE NILE.
Montefiore Plate.—BARBIZON.

YORK.—Wednesday.
Malton Plate.—MAH MAHAL.
Middleham Nursery.—THE NILE.
Chesterfield Handicap.—LIVID.

YORK.—Thursday.
Cambridgeshire Trial Plate.—S. DARLING'S SELECTED.
Rawcliffe Nursery.—ITSAGIFT.

NEWBURY.—Friday.
Highclere Nursery.—TURTLE SOUP.
Foal Plate.—ATBARA.

NEWBURY.—Saturday.
Autumn Cup.—OLETTA.
Whatcombe Handicap.—TREMOLINA.

Yesterday's Racing.

ROYAL BOROUGH HANDICAP.

SUNNY TRACE WINS.

FOX IN SPLENDID FORM.

From OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.

WINDSOR, Saturday.

There was only a small attendance here this afternoon, which was mainly due to the unsettled weather.

Scarlet Fly won the Frogmore Handicap. He made all the running to win in a canter. Bewinged was always in the second position, but she was unable to make any impression on the winner. Landsong, Copacabana, and Gay Light all showed speed for half a mile and then they fell back.

It usually pays to follow Walter Nightingall's stable on a Saturday, and it was probably the knowledge of this that made backers select Aislabie colt as favourite for the Quickly Selling Nursery. Golden Shower made the early running, to give way at the end of three furlongs to Grey Morn filly, and the latter stayed on to beat the favourite. There was no bid for the winner.

The fourteen horses left in the Royal Borough Handicap went to the post, and Sunny Trace proved equal to winning the event for the second year in succession. Sunny Trace was in front all the way, and, giving the opposition no quarter, won in a canter. Roral and Leopardus were within striking distance of the winner at the end of a mile, but, while they strove hard to overtake the Beckhampton horse, it was of no avail. Details:—

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Bewinged (Col. B. Fitzgerald), b m by Farman—Tring, 6 yrs., 7 st. 5 lb. (A. Smirke) 2

Perfective (Sir Daniel Cooper), ch f by Franklin—Perfetta, 3 yrs., 7 st. 7 lb. (I. Martin) 3

Also ran: Corduroy, Olderfleet, Gay Light, Osculator, Copacabana, Royal Blush, Story of Eden, Doryphoros, Remony, Plucky Bill, Landsong, Another Duchess. (Winner trained by Butchers.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle*: 2 to 1 agst SCARLET FLY, 7 to 1 Copacabana, 8 to 1 Royal Blush, Landsong, 10 to 1 Olderfleet, 100 to 8 Osculator, Corduroy, Bewinged, 100 to 7 Remony, Gay Light, 33 to 1 others. 3 l., 1 l.

Totalisator (2s. stake).—Win, 6s.; places, 4s., 13s. 3d., 61s.; win pool, 6,862; place pool, 6,183.

2.35.—QUICKLY (S.) NURSERY H'CAP PLATE (£150) (5f.).

Grey Morn filly (Lady Aylesford), by Square Measure, 7 st. 9 lb. ....(C. Richards) 1

Golden Shower (Mr. A. K. Macomber), b f by Puttenden—Cellulose, 7 st. 7 lb. (H. Southey) 2

Nahma (Mr. V. P. Misa), ch f by Samourai—Lady Isle, 7 st. 7 lb. ....(H. Gunn) 3

Also ran: Homeric gelding, Aislabie colt, Ruckinge Queen gelding, Sirocco, Copra, Lutra. (Winner trained by Douglas-Pennant.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle*: 2 to 1 agst Aislabie colt, 7 to 2 Golden Shower, 4 to 1 GREY MORN FILLY, 6 to 1 Copra, 7 to 1 Nahma, 100 to 8 others. 1½ l., 1½ l.

Totalisator.—Win, 6s 3s.; places, 3s. 9d., 6s. 6d., 11s.; win pool, 5,989; place pool, 5,825.

3.10.—ROYAL BOROUGH H'CAP (£600) (1¼m.).

Sunny Trace (Mr. J. A. Dewar), b h by Abbots Trace—Sunny Moya, 5 yrs., 8 st. 4 lb. ....(F. Fox) 1

Roral (Sir Abe Bailey) ch c by Abbots Trace—Dew of June, 3 yrs., 7 st. 1 lb. ...(Dines) 2

Leopardus (Mr. M. Boussac), b h by Gay Crusader—Ondulation, 5 yrs., 8 st. (Southey) 3

Also ran: Moyresque, Kings Oven, John Dory, Bachelor's Date, The Cheerful Abbot, Idle Hour, Friar Wile, Bunch, Mail Fist, Mittagong, Big Black Boy. (Winner trained by F. Darling.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle*: 3 to 1 agst Leopardus, 6 to 1 Bunch, SUNNY TRACE, 13 to 2 Moyresque, 7 to 1 Bachelor's Date, 8 to 1 Roral, 100 to 8 The Cheerful Abbot, 20 to 1 others. 3 l., 2 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 13s. 9d.; places, 4s. 6d., 7s. 6d., 3s. 3d.; win pool, 9,173; place pool, 7,595.

3.45.—PISTOL (S.) PLATE (4-Y-O.) (£150) (1m.).

Well Hit (Mr. E. G. de Mestre), b f by Bhuidhaonach—Low Shot, 8 st. 7 lb....(Ray) 1

Whitsbury (Sir Chas. Hyde), gr g by Swynford—Bayora, 8 st. 7 lb.............(Carslake) 2

Wire-work (Sir Walter Gilbey), b g by Diligence—Barbed Wire, 8 st. 7 lb. (Sirett) 3

Also ran: Green Piper, Gala Prince, Killary, Freeholder, Miss Avarice, Fabric. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle*: 5 to 4 agst Whitsbury, 9 to 2 Gala Prince, 5 to 1 Miss Avarice, 6 to 1 Wire-work, 10 to 1 Fabric, 100 to 6 WELL HIT and others. Neck, head.

Totalisator.—Win, 77s. 3d.; places, 13s. 9d., 2s. 9d., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 5,023; place pool, 5,457.

4.20.—IVOR NURSERY H'CAP. PLATE (£250) (5f.).

Aerial Flight (Sir Percy Newson), ch f by Vencedor—Butterfly Belle, 7 st. 12 lb. (A. Wragg) 1

Red Wullie (Mr. C. E. Howard), ch c by Knockando—Willinda 7 st. 11 lb....(F. Fox) 2

Minette (Mr. V. P. Misa), ch f by Belsize—Aminette, 7 st. 13 lb. ....(C. Richards) 3

Also ran: Binfield filly, Clever Putt, Squander filly, Sans Doute Swiftford, Go On. (Winner trained by W. Nightingall.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle*: 7 to 4 agst Go On, 3 to 1 AERIAL FLIGHT 100 to 15 Red Wullie, 7 to 1 Minette, Sans Doute, 10 to 1 Squander filly, 100 to 8 Binfield filly, 33 to 1 others. ¾ l., 1 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 9s. 6d.; places, 4s., 5s., 6s. 3d.; win pool, 8,027; place pool, 7,662.

4.55.—MILL HOUSE PLATE (£150) (1¼m.).

Gashmu (Mr J. S. Austin), ch g by Prince Galahad—Little Orby, 3 yrs., 8 st. 6 lb. (Perryman) 1

Popotte II (Lady Ludlow), b f by Pot au Feu—Pelissanne, 3 yrs., 7 st. 6 lb. (Dines) 2

Kemmel (Lord Woolavington), ch c by Spion Kop—Yser, 3 yrs., 8 st. ....(F. Fox) 3

Also ran: Bachelora, Willow King, Forage Cap, Bedlington. (Winner trained by C. Waugh.)

Betting.—*Sporting Chronicle*: 2 to 1 agst GASHMU, 5 to 2 Kemmel, Bachelora, 6 to 1 Popotte II., 20 to 1 Willow King, 33 to 1 others. ½ l., 3 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 5s. 9d.; places, 3s. 6d., 8s.; win pool, 6,891; place pool, 4,316.

Total Investments.—Win, £4,196 10s.; place, £3,703 16s.

BOGSIDE.

2.15.—IRVINE PLATE (£150) (5f.).—**Sirens** (20 to 1 agst, Fawdon), 1; Sergeant Custume (4 to 1, G. Richards), 2; Hit the Deck (100 to 8, Weston), 3. 14 ran. (Winner trained privately.) 3 l., ¾ l.

Totalisator (2s. stake).—Win, 378s.; places, 74s. 3d., 4s. 9d., 11s.; win pool, 7,040; place pool, 7,471.

2.45.—BOGSIDE (S.) NURSERY H'CAP PLATE (£150) (5f.).—**Wenchal colt** (7 to 1 agst, D. McGuigan), 1; Jannee (3 to 1, G. Richards), 2; Sun Luck filly (6 to 1, Weston), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by McGuigan.) ¾ l., 2 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 23s. 9d.; places, 5s. 3d., 3s., 5s.; win pool, 7,092; place pool, 8,056.

3.15.—STEWARDS' (S.) WELTER H'CAP PLATE (£150) (1¼m.).—**General O'Malley** (11 to 10 agst, G. Richards), 1; Golden Vanity (5 to 1, D. McGuigan), 2; Ayot (6 to 1, Nevett), 3. 7 ran. (Winner trained by Burns.) ¾ l., 1 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 4s. 9d.; places, 3s., 3s. 6d.; win pool, 8,293; place pool, 7,705.

3.45.—PORTLAND NURSERY H'CAP PLATE (£200) (5f.).—**Rowmond** (5 to 1 agst, Nevett), 1; Miss Jackie (6 to 1, Weston), 2; Grand Light (5 to 4, G. Richards), 3. 9 ran. (Winner trained by Peacock.) Head, 2 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 9s. 9d.; places 2s. 9d., 3s. 3d., 2s. 6d.; win pool, 9,206; place pool, 10,362.

4.15.—MONTGOMERIE WELTER H'CAP PLATE (£150) (1½m.).—**Eileandonan** (100 to 30 agst., Weston), 1; Western Flier (15 to 8, G. Richards), 2; Saugor (3 to 1, G. Topping), 3. 8 ran. (Winner trained by H. Leader.) 2 l., 3 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 9s. 3d.; places, 2s. 6d., 2s. 3d., 2s. 6d.; win pool, 9,411; place pool, 8,897.

4.55.—GAILES PLATE (£150) (1¼m.).—**Polo** (5 to 1 agst., Nevett), 1; Splendide Mendax (6 to 1, H. Wragg), 2; Mispec (11 to 4 on, Elliott), 3. 4 ran. (Winner trained by Peacock.) 5 l., 4 l.

Totalisator.—Win, 11s. 3d.; pool, 10,685.

Total Investments.—Win, £5,172 14s.; place, £4,249 2s.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Selling Handicap, Taunton: Royal Lancs. Perth engagements: Spalding. Burton Nursery, Birmingham: Rhodesian II. Kemp Town Plate, Brighton: Welwyn. Rockingham Handicap, York: Sunnier. Cambridgeshire Trial Plate, York: Eppie Adair. Gopsall Selling Nursery and Welbeck Selling Plate, Leicester: Irish Orb filly. Hartbourne Handicap, Leicester: Galette. All engagements: Charming Tune, Bishopland, Ardrowan, Varnishing Day, Whinpark (dead), North Star (dead), Ziriane filly (2 yrs.), and El Claro (dead).

ANGLING.

RECORD BREAM CAPTURED.

The wet and stormy weather placed a check on angling operations in fresh water and in the sea, but the rains have given new life to the rivers, which were yesterday carrying plenty of stream and colour. The sea is also clouded, and more fish should in consequence be found close to shore.

Sport should be excellent all round if a spell of fine weather is experienced.

A number of large roach have been taken on favourable days, four of 2 lb. each being reported—one each in the Thames and Avon (Hampshire) and two in the Bure (Norfolk). A good many dace, chubb and perch have been basketed from the Thames.

GOLF.

THE "KENT COB."

HIGH SCORING IN BIG FIELD.

The competition for the "Kent Cob" over the Knole Park Club's course, Sevenoaks, attracted a record field of seventy-six players. Although there were nine "plus" men and ten who are rated at scratch, the early scoring was high. Only six of the first twenty cards handed in showed a score better than 80 net. The cause was a boisterous wind which brought intermittent showers in its train.

Rex Hartley, the International and former Cambridge captain, did particularly well to finish his first round in 78+2=80, and it was not always his fault that the ball, putted from distances up to five feet, did not drop each time as it was occasionally carried off the line by the wind. He started by taking three putts, and, altogether, he missed six of less than five feet during the round, the final calamity coming at the eighteenth, where he failed from a yard.

D. H. R. Martin had a magnificent homeward half of 34 after taking 45 to the turn. He had a bad lie from his tee shot at the third, which cost him six, topped a drive, and took seven at the seventh. He foozled three shots on his way to the green at the ninth, where he holed out again in seven. His only mistake coming home was to hook a tee shot at the short twelfth. He had four birdies during the homeward half.

G. F. Scott Graham (3), Royal and Ancient, who won the trophy after a replay last year, was one of the last players to go out.

A Tie.

The wind had dropped in the afternoon, making conditions less difficult and the scores generally showed considerable improvement. C. F. Woodbridge, a scratch player of Royal Mid-Surrey, returned a brilliant score of 71, and this, with his morning card of 81, put him in the lead. But shortly afterwards Martin came in with a net 74, and this enabled him to tie for first place with Woodbridge. Martin again had a fine homeward half of 34, and this half contained a couple of twos, one at the tenth and the other at the twelfth. At each of these holes Martin's tee shot finished four yards from the flag.

Woodbridge started well, and was three under fours for five holes, but a missed drive to the ninth cost him six, and he was out in 36. A magnificent brassie shot three feet from the pin at the eleventh enabled him to secure an "eagle" three, but after getting his three at the short twelfth, he missed a two feet putt for another three at the thirteenth. A pushed iron shot at the fifteenth cost him another stroke, but he finished strongly for a homeward half of 35. Hartley, despite taking three putts on each of the second, ninth, and fourteenth greens, finished in a net 73 to secure third place, and John Morrison, the former Corinthian footballer, improved on his morning score of 76 by no fewer than fifteen strokes.

The leading scores were: C. F. Woodbridge (Royal Mid-Surrey) (scr.), 81+71=152; D. H. R. Martin (Knole Park) (+1) 78+74=152; R. W. Hartley (Sunningdale) (+2), 80+73=153; Capt. F. R. G. Hedges (Brighton and Hove) (8), 76+78=154; G. E. C. Millard (Purley Downs) (4), 77+77=154; G. Simpson (Knole Park) (2), 78+77=155; G. H. Micklem (Knole Park) (7), 84+72=156; E. H. Moss (Wildernesse) (4), 79+78=157; J. S. F. Morrison (Sunningdale) (scratch), 86+71=157; R. M. McCallum (Royal Wimbledon (3), 78+79=157; J. A. Board (West Hill) (+2), 79+78=157; F. F. Pattisson (Chislehurst) (7), 73+84=157; N. R. Farmer (Sidcup) (7), 79+78=157; A. T. Wilson (Chislehurst) (5), 78+80=158; N. C. Selway (Oxhey) (scr.), 78+80=158; G. C. Stokoe (Royal St. Davids) (+1), 79+79=158; F. F. Scott Graham (Royal and Ancient) (3) (holder), 79+80=159.

ESSEX CHAMPIONSHIPS.

INDIVIDUAL AND CLUB TITLES CHANGE HANDS.

The Essex County amateur championship was won at Wanstead by E. Baldwin (Walthamstow) with two rounds of 79 for an aggregate of 158.

Romford, five times winners, lost the club championship by three strokes to Ilford, whose three representatives (A. Barbour, M. Hughes, and F. Durham, jnr.) totalled 492 strokes for the 36 holes.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.—E. Baldwin (Walthamstow), 79+79=158; S. J. Browne (Belfairs), 81+78=159; M. G. Hughes (Ilford), 80+80=160; A. E. Hutton (Wanstead), 74+86=160; B. C. Crouch (holder) (Romford), 85+76=161; R. H. Munro (Ilford), 85+76=161; G. E. Larman (Rochford Hundred), 77+84=161; R. Gray (Chelmsford), 81+80=161; P. A. Macgregor (Wanstead), 79+83=162; F. Firth (Bury St. Edmunds), 83+79=162; J. B. Baker (Colchester), 77+85=162; L. C. Crouch (Romford), 81+81=162.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.—Ilford (A. Barbour 167, M. Hughes 160, F. Durham, jnr., 165), 492; Romford (holders) (B. C. Crouch 161, A. P. Symes 165, J. J. Murray 169), 495; Rochford Hundred (G. E. Larman 161, H. G. Rowbottom 167, G. Shepherd 170), 498; Wanstead 501.

ROYAL AND ANCIENT BEAT ST. ANDREWS CLUBS.

Many famous golfers who had assembled at St. Andrews in readiness for the Royal and Ancient Golf Club's Autumn Medal round, took part in the annual match between Royal and Ancient members and the St. Andrews clubmen, over the Old Course. The Royal and Ancient team, led by the retiring captain, Col. P. G. M. Skene, won by 13 matches to 10.

Play was by Foursomes, and the winners for the club included Major G. C. Campbell and Major R. S. Lambert, R. H. Oppenheimer and A. S. Bradshaw, Lt.-Col. R. G. O. Hutchinson and E. M. Prain, and J. B. Anderson and Walter Blackwell. Successful partnerships in the town team included R. W. Peattie, the former Boy champion, and J. D. Burns, and J. F. Auchterlonie and J. Suttie, Junior.

"THE DEVIL'S PUNCH BOWL."

A boisterous wind made playing conditions difficult at Hindhead yesterday, when the third annual amateur competition for the "Devil's Punch Bowl" was decided. Many of the eighty competitors, including W. H. Bermingham, the Cambridge University Blue, failed to cope with the heavy wind and tore up their cards before completing the morning round. Play was by strokes over 36 holes, under handicap, and the result was a tie, at 151, between E. C. Millard (Royal Wimbledon) (handicap 1) and F. D. Sawyer (Copthorne) (6). Capt. D. J. Stewart (Ashford Manor), the holder of the trophy, and Major A. J. Jiminez (Surbiton), who won in 1928, were among those who failed to return a card for the first round.

CLUB COMPETITIONS.

BECKENHAM.—M.M.—Senior: T. C. Tucker (4), 1 down. Junior: G. J. Jackson (16), all square.

BEXHILL.—M.M.—Scratch: H. Clough Waters, 79. Senior: H. Clough Waters, 79—1=78.

BROMLEY AND BICKLEY.—C.P.—Four-ball Comp.: E. Guy Temple and G. T. Gray, 8 up.

CANTERBURY.—Quarterly M.—Styles Cup: G. Goodson, 92—16=76. Winch Cup.—P. T. S. Brock, 2 up. Captain's Prize.—A. Egerton Jones, 91—10=81.

DENHAM.—M.B.: G. R. Connop (14) 5 down.

EALING.—M.B.—First Div.: L. S. Dawe (6), all square. Sec. Div.: E. H. Atkinson (16) and Dr. E. J. Selby (16) tied at 3 down.

ENFIELD.—M.B.: A. Ricketts (10) 2 up.

GOODWOOD.—Hulton C.C.: F. Toynbee, 93—14=79

HADLEY WOOD.—M.B.—Sen.: A. E. Crang (12), 1 down Jun.: G. A. Campbell (16), 2 down.

HENDON.—M.M.—Senior: C. M. Buchan 77 scratch 77. Junior: W. Thorp, 94—14=80. Ladies' Autumn Meeting.—18 holes Medal.—Senior: Miss I. Harris, 93—15=78. Junior: Mrs. Cohen, 105—21=84, Mrs. Narramore, 118—34=84; and Miss Well, 109—25=84, tied; Scratch Priz, Senior: Mrs. Leggett, 91; Junior: Mrs. Cohen, 105.

KNEBWORTH.—"Hunter Challenge Salver": T. G. Seager Berry 81—11=70.

LANGLEY PARK.—John Goodhart Cup.—A. W. Gibbs, 79—4=75 and Maj. A. M. R. Bain, 85—10=75, tied.

LONDON SCOTTISH (WMBLIEDON).—M.M.: A. E. Pascall, 102—24=78.

MAIDENHEAD.—Club Cup Final (36 holes): E. A. S. Brooks (scratch) and E. L. Realff (2), 162, tied.

MANNINGS HEATH.—C.P.: C. A. Hayden (7) all square; Maj. R. C. G. Middleton (3) 1 down.

PORTERS PARK.—"President's Challenge Salver."—Qualifying Round: E. F. Markham, 79—2=77; H. D. Roberts, 86—9=77; and R. W. Needham, 89—12=73, tied.

PRINCE'S, SANDWICH.—M.M.: Capt. Cecil Gunston, 92—9=83.

PURLEY DOWNS.—M.M.—Sen.: C. B. Dolphin, 82—6=76. Jun.: H. R. Frisby, 98—18=80 and J. R. Haslett, 98—18=80, tied.

REDHILL AND REIGATE.—M.B.—Sen.: R. W. H. Taylor (5) 1 down. Jun.: A. Salisbury (20), 2 down.

ROYAL MID-SURREY.—Fortnightly Comp. Bogey.—Sen.: Hon. E. Thesiger (2) 2 down. Jun.: P. R. Hicks (11) all square.

SANDOWN.—M.B.: Maj. J. S. Ruttle (4), 3 up.

SUDBURY.—Jun. M.: W. H. Stentiford, 93—15=78.

VERULAM.—M.M.—Senior: J. C. H. Lewis, 89—7=82 Junior: A. J. Reynolds, 104—23=81.

WEST HILL.—M.B.: C. D. McGuffie (5), 6 up.

WEST HOVE.—"Founders' Bowl": H. S. Davies (6), 4 down. M.B.: A. H. Self (6), 3 down.

WEST KENT.—"R. A. Brown C.C.": M. M. Brown, 80+84=164; J. B. Farmfield, 83+83=166.

WEST MIDDLESEX.—M.M.—Senior: R. M. Rowse, 83—7=76. W. Anderson, 85—9=76. Junior: L. G. Smith, 91—13=78.

MOTORING.

RACING AT BROOKLANDS.

KEEN FINISH IN MIDDLESEX HANDICAP.

A varied programme, including two handicaps over the "Mountain" course, was presented by the Brooklands Automobile Racing Club at Brooklands track, yesterday, for the club's last meeting of the season. A large number of spectators braved doubtful weather conditions and witnessed some keen racing. A gusty wind blew against the cars on the Railway Straight, but fortunately the track was dry.

Three cars went to the post for the opening event—a handicap for Rileys—and R. T. Horton, who was the backmarker, scored a clever win, taking the lead 200 yards from home and winning by the narrow margin of 20 yards at 85.7 m.p.h.

The Middlesex Junior Short Handicap of about 6½ miles also provided a very close race. Capt. A. C. R. Waite's little Austin, with 53 sec. start, was overtaken on the members' banking R. C. Stewart's Alfa-Romeo and the Italian car, in receipt of 15 sec. start, won by 150 yards at 100.38 m.p.h., T. V. G. Selby's Bugatti securing third place by a bonnet from a bunch of cars.

R. J. Munday, driving his yellow Vauxhall with the limit allowance of 52 sec., led all the way to win the Middlesex Senior Short Handicap at 95.2 m.p.h., but there was a thrilling scrap for second place between Cyril Paul, driving Mrs. Miller's big Benz, and J. R. Cobb at the wheel of the scratch car, K. J. Thomson's Delage. Cobb got up just in time to beat the Benz by ten yards.

In the Middlesex Senior Long Handicap, J. R. Cobb, who competed from scratch on K. J. Thomson's twelve-cylinder Delage, looked like winning, but he had to follow Cyril Paul, who was driving a huge Benz, and E. L. Bouts, on a Sunbeam, right round the members' banking before he had the opportunity of overtaking them. After a meeting of the stewards it was announced that Bouts had been fined £4 for his driving in this race. The winner was the limit man, G. Daybell, on a Vauxhall, at 97.2 m.p.h., Cobb being 50 yards away.

RILEY HANDICAP (for Riley open cars).—R. T. Horton, 1; D. Burcher, 2; H. S. Barton, 3. Winner's speed, 85.7 m.p.h. Won by 20 yds., one mile. Three started.

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR SHORT HANDICAP.—R. C. Stewart (Alfa Romeo), 1; S. Davis (Austin), 2; T. V. G. Selby (Bugatti), 3. Winner's speed, 100.38 m.p.h. Time, 3 min. 55 1-5 sec. Won easily. Fourteen started.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR SHORT HANDICAP.—R. J. Munday (Vauxhall), 1; J. R. Cobb (Delage), 2; Cyril Paul (Benz), 3. Winner's speed, 95.2 m.p.h. Time, 4 min. 8 sec. Won easily. Seven started.

SEPTEMBER MOUNTAIN RACING HANDICAP.—C. Penn-Hughes (Bugatti), 1; Captain Malcolm Campbell (Delage), 2; T. V. G. Selby (Bugatti), 3. Winner's speed, 63.81 m.p.h. Won easily, 20 yds. Eight started.

MIDDLESEX JUNIOR LONG HANDICAP.—V. Horseman (Triumph), 1; Major A. T. G. Gardner (Amilcar), 2; T. V. G. Selby (Bugatti), 3. Winner's speed, 54.1 m.p.h. Won easily, 15 yds. Ten started.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR LONG HANDICAP.—G. Daybell (Vauxhall), 1; J. R. Cobb (Delage), 2; Cyril Paul (Benz), 3. Winner's speed, 97.2 m.p.h. Time, 5 min. 45 sec. Won by 50 yds., 15 yds. Five started.

MIDDLESEX T.T. HANDICAP.—B. E. Lewis (Talbot), 1; Major A. T. G. Gardner (Amilcar), 2; Earl Howe (Mercedes), 3. Winner's speed, 94.78 m.p.h. Time, 5 min. 54 sec. Won easily, 25 yds. Seven started.

RUGBY RESULTS.

COUNTY MATCH.

	Pts.		Pts.
Devon	25	Lancashire	0

CLUB MATCHES.

Blackheath	9	Rosslyn Park	4
Guy's Hosp.	16	Catford Bdge.	0
Bradford	23	Manchester	8
Bedford	11	Blackheath	10
Bristol	10	Swansea	0
Falmouth	0	Devonport Services	13
Gloucester	23	Moseley	0
Leicester	20	Plymouth Albion	9
Llanelly	11	Aberavon	3
Nuneaton	0	Coventry	22
Neath	13	Weston-s.-Mare	15
Northampton	17	U.C.S. Old Boys	8
Penarth	6	Newport	6
United Services	9	Bath	9
Glasgow H.S.	33	Greenock Wdrs.	0
Old Paulines	16	Old Blues	3
Abertillery	16	Abercarn	0
Esher	15	Dorking	5
Woodford	14	Westminster Bk.	0
Woodford Ex. A	15	Cuaco	12
Woodford B	33	Old Bancroftians A	3
Cross Keys	0	Ebbw Vale	3
Pontypool	3	Cardiff	3
Otley	13	Halifax	0
Harrogate	29	Scarborough	8
Fylde	6	Ilkley	8
Batley	3	Huddersfield B	5
Bradfordians	25	Middlesbrough	8
Headingley O.B.	8	Roundhay	8
Wakefield	28	Broughton Park	0
Morley	27	Baildon	13
Wasps	18	Sutton	5
Harrow	0	Rosslyn Park A	7
Harrow A	15	Osterley	3
Harrow Ex. A	19	Osterley A	6
Stoneygate	0	Hinckley	16
Sheffield	3	Derby	8
Ilkestone	0	Coalville	9
Rugby	3	Blackwell	12
Old Nottinghamians	0	Old Laurentians	0
Chesterfield	32	Worksop	3
Nottingham Casuals	20	Derby Tigers	0
Lincolnshire T.A.	11	Notts T.A.	8
H.A.C.	8	Trojans	3
Exiles	24	Leytonstone	0
Berkshire Wanderers	5	Blackheath A	3
Beckenham	18	Thames Valley	0
Motor Union	0	Gaslac	14
South-West Essex	6	B.T.H. (London)	15
Edgware	4	Un. Services (Portsmouth)	0
Midland Bank	5	Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	5
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank A	0	Midland Bank A	23
Sutton C	19	Sharpshooters	3
Maidstone A	12	Blackheath Extra A	0
Headingley	11	Sale	8
Hillhead High School F.P.	0	Glasgow Academicals	53
Staines	18	Southern Rly.	0

OLD BOYS' MATCHES.

Old Blues C	13	Toc H B	5
Old Westcliffians	24	Chingford	0
Toc H	44	Old Blues Ex A	0
Toc H Ex. A	3	Old Blues Ex. B	12
R.M.C. (Sandhurst)	19	Old Blues A	8
Old Cranleighans A	12	Blackheath Ex. A	7
Old Caterhamians	16	Old Colcestrians	5
Toc H. A	0	Old Blues B	3
Sutton A	3	Old Croyhylians	21

RUGBY LEAGUE.

COUNTY MATCH.

Cumberland	4	Yorkshire	5

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Barrow	5	Swinton	14
Batley	20	Bradford Nthn.	5
Bramley	2	York	11
Castleford	6	Leeds	5
Halifax	5	Broughton Rgrs.	0
Hull	10	Featherstone Rvrs.	5
Hunslet	3	Huddersfield	3
Oldham	14	Hull K. Rvrs.	3
Rochdale Hornets	8	Leigh	5
Salford	17	St. Helens Recs.	7
St. Helens	18	Warrington	12
Wakefield T.	13	Wigan	13
Widnes	16	Keighley	2
Wigan Highfield	12	Dewsbury	3

LINDRUM IN LONDON.

POOR OPPOSITION PROVIDED BY FALKINER.

The visit of the famous Australian left-handed player, Walter Lindrum, to England last season caused a great revival of public interest in professional billiards. He is here again to take part in the great International Tournament that begins on September 29, and in which he will be conceding a substantial start to the New Zealand champion, Clark McConachy, and the famous English players, Davis and Newman.

As a preliminary run over the course on the same conditions that will govern the tournament he is now playing Falkiner a match at Thurston's conceding 8,000 start. The public have taken eagerly to the match, and although Falkiner's start had vanished altogether and Lindrum led by 670, the hall was packed to excess when the game was resumed yesterday afternoon. Once again the Australian had all the best of matters, as during the hour and three-quarter session he scored 1,386 to Falkiner's 274. He made no startling breaks, 268 (fifty-four cannons), 162, 190, 228 (ninety-two cannons), and 328 being the best, but Falkiner's display in comparison was very feeble, his highest break being 77. Lindrum averaged 99, and Falkiner 20. Interval scores:—

LINDRUM	13,769.
FALKINER (rec. 8,000) (in play)	11,987.

CLOSING SCORES.

LINDRUM (in play)	14,891
FALKINER (receives 8,000.)	12,403

BREAST STROKE CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the Leyton Baths last night the Men's 200 Yards Breast Stroke Championship of England was won by S. Bell, Penguins S.C., in 2 min. 43 2-5 sec. A. Schoebel (Sporting Club of France) was second in 22 min. 48 sec., and H. Hazledene (Sheffield Otter S.C.) third in 2 min. 50 4-5 sec.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE CUMBERLAND CLUB TOURNAMENT.

PLAYERS DEFY THE RAIN.

By HAMILTON PRICE.

Rain again fell yesterday at the Cumberland Club's hard court tournament, but, nevertheless, there was quite a large crowd to watch the finals on the compact ground in Alvanley Gardens, Finchley Road. It was cold and cheerless, but the players showed a wonderful spirit, and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves in what was a bold effort to defeat the weather.

That the men's Singles Cup would be won by K. C. Gandar-Dower was more or less a certainty, but in opposing C. S. Higgins he met a young player who is likely to improve greatly with more experience, and Higgins won the first set. Higgins attacked for all he was worth, and so long as he was fresh he more than held his own. Gandar-Dower is a peculiar stroke player in that he is so unorthodox, and when once Higgins became tired his persistent return of the ball was bound to tell against the loser. The workman had beaten the artist, so to write.

Although Mrs. J. B. Pittman (née Goldsack) had developed a bad sore throat overnight, she pluckily decided to play, and she was rewarded with an excellent victory over Miss Joan Ridley by 3—6, 6—3, 6—3. The rallies consisted mostly of well-regulated drives from the back of the court, and the defence of both players was very sound.

Mrs. Pittman has evidently recovered her singles form, and this success at the tail end of the season will make the official "rankers" think heavily. They will have a most intricate problem to face, for it is fairly simple to "rank" the first six, but not the rest.

Mrs. Pittman was in a confident mood, and she was resourceful. She was never afraid to play on to Miss Ridley's stronger forehand, and that is the proper thing to do when playing any powerful forehand driver, for the latter type of player is naturally used to having the other wing persistently "pasted." Thus she sometimes caught Miss Ridley on the wrong foot.

A long Women's Doubles final ended in favour of Mrs. Pittman and Miss Ridley over Mrs. Beamish and Miss S. K. Johnson by 6—4, 6—8, 6—2. Mrs. Beamish, whose form throughout the week had been of a high order, kept up her end stoically in the many interesting cross-court driving duels with Miss Ridley, and her lobbing was always a source of worry to the winning pair.

Higgins and A. W. Vinall won the Men's Doubles by the odd set.

Rain interfered with play in the afternoon, but in the Men's Singles final K. C. Gandar-Dower defeated C. S. Higgins after several adjournments, and in the Ladies' Doubles final Mrs. J. B. Pittman and Mrs. J. C. Ridley beat Mrs. Beamish and Miss S. K. Johnson.

Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: K. C. Gandar-Dower beat C. S. Higgins, 7—9, 6—1, 6—0.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Mrs. J. B. Pittman beat Miss Joan Ridley, 3—6, 6—3, 6—3.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Semi-final: C. S. Higgins and A. W. Vinall beat B. Miki and K. C. Gandar Dower, 5—7, 6—4, 6—0.

Final.—C. S. Higgins and A. W. Vinall beat G. R. Sherwell and H. G. N. Cooper, 7—5, 3—6, 6—4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Semi-final: Mrs. Beamish and Miss S. K. Johnson beat Mrs. V. Burr and Mrs. W. D. List, 4—6, 6—2, 6—3.

Final.—Mrs. J. P. Pittman and Miss J. C. Ridley beat Mrs. Beamish and Miss S. K. Johnson, 6—4, 6—8, 6—2.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Semi-finals: C. S. Higgins and Mrs. W. D. List beat A. C. Crossley and Mrs. V. Burr, 9—7, 6—2; K. C. Gandar Dower and Mrs. Dudley Cox beat B. W. Finnigan and Mrs. Edgington, 6—4, 6—2.

Final.—C. S. Higgins and Mrs. W. D. List, V. Burr and Mrs. Beamish, and K. C. Gandar Dower and Mrs. Dudley Cox divided.

WESTGATE-ON-SEA FINALS.

SONI DEFEATS HYAT.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The conditions were terrible when the finals of the Westgate-on-Sea tournament were played on the courts of the St. Mildred's Hotel yesterday, strong winds and heavy rain causing several interruptions, and the players found great difficulty in controlling the ball.

H. L. Soni, the Indian Davis Cup player, defeated A. Hyat in the final of the Men's Singles by 2—6, 9—7, 6—3. Hyat, who relies for his points almost entirely on his skilful placing and wonderful powers of retrieving, was rather lucky to reach the last stage, for, in the semi-final, Dr. A. A. Fyzee retired with the score in his favour 6—4, 5—2. Soni had had a tremendous struggle, in the other semi-final, with F. R. Price, only winning by 7—5, 15—13, after he had led 4—0 in the second set. Soni was thoroughly extended by Hyat and owed his success mainly to his superior physique and his greater speed of shot. Hyat proved that he is one of the most mobile of present-day players.

Miss Joan Ingram gained an easy win over Miss A. Steer-Watkins in the final of the Women's Singles by 6—1, 6—2. Miss Ingram played some excellent lawn tennis and quite outplayed her opponent. She varied her game cleverly and was particularly effective on the backhand.

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: H. L. Soni beat A. Hyat 2—6, 9—7, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Miss J. Ingram beat Miss A. Steer-Watkins, 6—1, 6—2.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: H. L. Soni and A. Hyat beat Dr. A. A. Fyzee and F. R. Price, 8—6, 10—8.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Miss G. N. Thompson and Miss A. Steer-Watkins beat Miss E. Bobby and Miss C. Cannenbaum, 6—0, 6—0.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Final: H. L. Soni and Miss J. Ingram beat F. R. Price and Miss A. Steer-Watkins, 8—6, 6—3.

WORTHING TOURNAMENT.

MRS. GODFREE'S SUCCESS.

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

A high cross-court wind, with often the force of a gale, rendered good lawn tennis impossible when the finals of the Worthing tournament were played yesterday.

G. E. M. de Ste. Croix, who is at his best on hard courts, retained the challenge cup by defeating, in the final of the Men's Singles, B. R. Lawrence, by 6—3, 6—1. De Ste. Croix has been playing very consistent lawn tennis throughout the week, and adapted himself much better to the difficult conditions than his opponent. He was much the steadier of the two, and managed to get some sort of length on his drives.

Mrs. L. A. Godfree, the woman ex-champion, beat Miss J. E. Brown in the final of the Women's Singles by 6—4, 6—3. She was obviously the better and more experienced player, but Miss Brown put up a splendid fight, and the score against her hardly does justice to her efforts. Miss Brown held her own against her formidable opponent, in the first set, in which the score was called "3-all" and, in the second, she actually led 3—1. Mrs. Godfree had to concentrate hard at this point, and Miss Brown faltered against the heavy artillery brought up by an antagonist who has twice won the Women's Championship at Wimbledon.

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: G. E. M. de Ste. Croix beat B. R. Lawrence, 6—3, 6—1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Mrs. L. A. Godfree beat Miss J. E. Brown, 6—4, 6—3.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: W. A. H. Duff and P. H. Partridge beat F. R. L. Crawford and G. E. M. de Ste. Croix, 3—6, 6—4, 6—1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES.—Final: Mrs. L. A. Godfree and Miss J. E. Brown beat Mrs. R. Pretty and Miss F. K. Scott, 5—7, 6—2, 6—1.

MIXED DOUBLES.—Final: J. E. Rodocanachi and Mrs. Holcroft-Watson beat G. E. M. de Ste. Croix and Mrs. L. A. Godfree, 6—3, 1—1, retired.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH AT QUEEN'S.

In the second annual covered court match at Queen's Club, between the International Club and the French I.C., on October 10 and 11, the following will be included in the British team:—H. W. Austin, Dr. J. C. Gregory, Dr. P. D. B. Spence, N. Sharpe, J. S. Olliff, J. D. P. Wheatley, and I. G. Collins. In the "over-forty" matches C. P. Dixon, M. J. G. Ritchie and F. R. L. Crawford will represent the I.C. The French visiting side will include J. Borotra, J. Brugnon, C. Boussus, and probably H. Cochet; while among the French veterans will be M. Decugis and P. Blanchy, both ex-champions of France.

NORTHUMBERLAND HARD COURTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

C. E. Malfroy, the Cambridge Blue, defeated R. J. Ritchie in the final of the Men's Singles in the Northumberland Hard Courts Championships at Newcastle-on-Tyne yesterday by 6—2, 6—3. Miss Mary Heeley won the Women's Singles championship by beating, in the final, Miss D. E. Round by 3—6, 6—0, 6—1. Results:—

MEN'S SINGLES.—Final: C. E. Malfroy beat R. J. Ritchie, 6—2, 6—3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES.—Final: Miss M. Heeley beat Miss D. E. Round, 3—6, 6—0, 6—1.

YACHTING.

UP-RIVER RACING IN BAD WEATHER

MANY MISHAPS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

There was a fair programme of sailing events on the Upper Thames yesterday. The conditions, however, were not at all favourable, the gale of the past few days not having blown itself out.

In the morning at Surbiton it was found impossible to bring off the match for the A Class at the headquarters of the Thames Sailing Club, and a like fate overtook the match for the Dennison Challenge Cup in the afternoon. Where it was found possible to bring off racing there were good fleets of competitors.

Mishaps such as capsizing, broken booms, and carrying away of rigging were quite numerous.

UPPER THAMES S.C.

Two races were sailed yesterday afternoon at the headquarters of the Upper Thames Sailing Club at Bourne End. There was a strong and rather squally westerly wind. The chief event was a match for the International 14 ft. Dinghy Class for a prize presented by Major R. M. P. Willoughby, owner of Myosotis. The race, which started at 3.30 p.m., was sailed over four rounds of the long course. The boats got rather spread out, as will be seen by the following official finishing times:—

Mr. H. F. Edwards's Siskin (winner), 5h. 3 min. 53 sec.; Mr. H. W. Holmes's Zero (2nd), 5 h. 6 min. 5 sec.; Mr. R. Clifford Freeman's Flying Fox (3rd), 5 h. 7 min. 11 sec.; and Capt. H. P. Boyd's Summer Time, 5 h. 24 min. 40 sec. Mr. J. Howden Hume's Merlin and Mr. Scott Freeman's Kestrel gave up.

The Gigs' Class sailed for a prize presented by Mr. F. G. B. Whitlock. They started at 3.40 p.m., and covered three rounds of the long course. Only three boats started, and one of these—Mr. H. D. Morgan's Kismet—gave up. Major R. M. P. Willoughby's Myosotis scored an easy win, beating Mr. H. H. Tregonning's Elsa by about 3½ min.

TWICKENHAM Y.C.

Eleven boats took part in the All-in Handicap, sailed over the usual course. The corrected times of the craft that finished were:—Mr. J. Espezel's Baby Jean, 11 hr. 39 min. 28 sec.; Colonel Humfray's 4-5's, 11 h. 41 min. 10 sec.; Mr. C. Adams's B.R.A. No. 2, 11 h. 46 min. 33 sec.; Mr. M. Vines's Brosie D., 11 h. 47 min. 38 sec.; Mr. E. Roberts's Minnow, 11 h. 47 min. 55 sec.; Mr. E. Lee's B.R.A. No. 3, 11 h. 52 min. 1 sec.; Mr. G. Brown's B.R.A. No. 16, 11 h. 52 min. 4 sec.; Mr. C. Emery's Thelma, 11 h. 54 min. 3 sec.; Mr. J. Coombe's Dottarel, 12 h. 3 min. 42 sec.

The finishing times in a match for the B.R.A. 12 ft. Dinghy Class were:—Mr. C. Adamas's B.R.A. No. 2, 12 h. 3 min. 51 sec.; Mr. E. Lee's B.R.A. No. 3, 12 hr. 8 min. 40 sec.; Mr. G. Brown's B.R.A. No. 16, 12 h. 13 min. 25 sec.

ROYAL CANOE CLUB.

Another match for club prizes was sailed at headquarters, Trowlock Island, Teddington, yesterday, in gusty weather, which made reefing essential. Eight boats started at 3.23 p.m. to sail five rounds of the usual course. All completed the race with the exception of Mr. V. Landwall's Gadfly and Mr. F. C. C. Knight's Curlew, the latter fouling a buoy. The times and the finishes were:—Mr. Eric Freeman's Genetta, 4 h. 28 min. 30 sec.; Mr. R. A. Smith's Haze, 4 h. 39 min. 25 sec.; Mr. G. D. Hazzledine's Iota, 4 h. 40 min.; Mr. W. B. Statham's Senora, 4 h. 42 min. 5 sec.; Mr. G. Day's Pampatha, 4 h. 47 min. 30 sec.; and Mr. A. R. Evans's Mayfly, 4 h. 50 min.

TAMESIS CLUB.

The seventh and final heat for the Langdon-Down Challenge Cup for gigs was sailed at Teddington yesterday. There was a rather gusty west-south-westerly breeze with some very hard slams at intervals, but there was a good turnout of gigs to sail five rounds of the usual course in the Reach. Eight boats started at 3.30 p.m., and all completed the course, except Professor Chas. E. Pannett's Doris, who had her shrouds carried away, and Dr. G. W. Smith's Emma, which fouled another boat. The race was won by Clover, a Broads' boat, Safety First, which finished second, won the trophy on points. The times were: Mr. Stewart Morris's Clover, 4 hr. 27 min. 50 sec.; Mr. W. H. Godfrey's Safety First, 4hr. 29 min. 2 sec.; Mr. F. E. Graham's Vamoosa, 4 hr. 30 min. 30 sec.; Mr. C. Zoeller's Miladi, 4 hr. 32 min. 52 sec.; Mr H. C. E. Rayner's Pixy, 4 hr. 33 min. 21 sec.; Mr. S. R. Masters's Dawn, 4hr. 35 min. 45 sec.

CYCLING.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH WON BY W. J. BAILEY.

A thrilling series of races between Willy Falck Hansen, the famous Danish rider, and W. J. Bailey, the Englishman, marked the Grand Finale cycling meeting at Herne Hill track. The result of the encounter was a triumph for Bailey, who, after losing the first of the three races, showed superior track-craft to beat the Dane in the remaining two contests.

In the first, over a distance of one lap, Hansen allowed his opponent to make the pace until the home straight, when the Dane shot ahead to win by inches in 48 sec. Bailey levelled matters by taking the second race (1½ laps). It was the Englishman's turn to do the leading, and in the back straight of the second lap he opened up a gap which Hansen could not close. Bailey won by five lengths in 1 min. 39 2-5 sec.

The deciding match, held over one lap, was the most exciting of the three. Hansen led at the start, and Bailey, repeating his previous tactics, spurted to take the lead. The Dane, however, was ready for him, and the pair raced together in a neck-and-neck struggle, Bailey just getting the better of a lightning sprint on the home straight to win by half a length in 54 sec.

The five miles race for the "All England" Plate was won by D. S. Horn in 11 min. 50 sec., but F. H. Wyld and A. Theaker both suffered misfortune, the former puncturing at the half-distance, while Theaker broke a chain with only one lap to go.

A "T. T." Race was decided over fifteen laps. Competitors steered at speed round obstacles placed at various intervals along the track. W. K. Bicknell was leading in the last lap when he punctured, but he made a quick change and rapidly recovered his lost lead, to win from E. W. Hussey.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS IN A GALE.

A gale kept scoring low at Bisley yesterday. The final stage of the City Rifle Club Championship resulted in a win for H. D. Buck, whose aggregate was 262 points. He also won the Gold Jewel. The Silver Jewel for second place went to E. Grimwade, who scored 260 points. W. D. Chandler, 255 points, won the Bronze Jewel for third place. The club's spoon shoot resulted in a tie between N. Arkell and J. Sutton, who scored 98 pts. each.

The Miller-Symons Bowl of the Stock Exchange R.C. was won by J. Coates, whose score was 267 points. The aggregate, a contest shot in three stages—A, B, and C—was won by J. Coates with an aggregate of 757 points. E. L. Eldridge won the Stock Exchange spoon shoot with a score of 97 points. Major P. S. Bapty—98 points—won the South London R.C. contest.

The third and final stage of the North London R.C. Championship resulted in a narrow win for J. A. Barlow, who beat A. T. Jackson by one point and D. S. Swanston by three points. The scores were: Gold Jewel—J. A. Barlow, 260; Silver Jewel—A. T. Jackson, 259; and Bronze Jewel—D. S. Swanston, 257. The spoon shoot of the club was won by W. L. S. Alton with 97 points, while the London and Middlesex Counties R.A. contest was won by N. Arkill with 97 points.

OLD CARTHUSIANS' WIN.

The Old Carthusians defeated K.C.S. Old Boys in the final of the Public Schools Old Boys' competition for the D'Abernon Cup, at Eastbourne, yesterday, by 10 matches to 2 (three unplayed). On Friday, the Old Carthusians had won five out of the six singles played. Results:—

DOUBLES.—J. L. H. Fletcher and C. G. Fletcher (O.C.) beat N. H. Latchford and W. B. Greenland, 6—0, 6—4; beat K. G. McNeil and P. R. Downham, 6—3, 6—0.

H. M. Ward Clarke and R. B. Sterry (O.C.) beat McNeil and Downham, 6—1, 6—3; beat V. N. Ely and L. B. Ely, 6—3, 6—0.

L. G. Cox and T. A. Maclagan (O.C.) lost to Latchford and Greenland, 2—6, 6—2, 2—6; beat Ely and Ely, 6—2, 6—0.

Association Football.

ARSENAL AND VILLA STILL SETTING THE PACE.

CHELSEA LOSE AGAIN—MANCHESTER'S DOUBLE DISASTER.

PORT VALE HUMBLE EVERTON.

The Arsenal and Aston Villa continue their neck-and-neck race for the leadership of the First Division. Both clubs won yesterday with something to spare; they have the same number of points for an equal number of games, and there is only a fractional goal difference between them.

It was, despite the Arsenal's success, a poor day for London. Both West Ham and Chelsea lost—the latter at home to Bolton, whose goal had many wonderful escapes.

Both Manchester clubs lost, and they are now at the foot of the First Division—the United without a single point for seven matches.

The big shock of the day perhaps was Port Vale's 3—2 win at Everton. Burnley, too, did exceedingly well to win 4—2 at Wolverhampton.

Northampton and Notts County continue to set a pace in the Southern section which the other clubs seem to find it difficult to follow. No fewer than three Northern section teams (Carlisle, Tranmere, and Wrexham) scored seven goals apiece.

FIRST DIVISION.

Manchester United played Bullock, the recruit secured from Chesterfield on Friday, at centre forward against Sheffield Wednesday at Sheffield, but their attack again gave a poor exhibition as a line. Spence was fast and clever at outside-right, but he lacked support. Ball (2) and Rimmer scored for Sheffield Wednesday without reply, and the champions thoroughly deserved their victory.

Manchester City, who can do little right nowadays, did not deserve to lose to Sheffield United at Manchester by such a big margin as four clear goals. McMullen, their left half, was limping for quite a long spell, and Sheffield United's right wing took full advantage of the fact. The City's extreme wingers, Toseland and Brook, and Tait, their centre-forward, were clever raiders, but luck was not with them. The City were certainly the better side in the first half, but Kendall's fine goalkeeping kept them at bay. Dunne did the "hat trick" for Sheffield United, and Tunstall scored their fourth goal.

Waring, Aston Villa's irrepressible centre-forward, was again among the scorers. Although he scored but one at Villa Park yesterday —he did not get that until the game was nearly over—Houghton, Brown, and Walker had scored one each earlier in the game, and the Villa deservedly won by 4—2. Hodgson, the South African, scored both goals for Liverpool.

Goals by Webster and Warren late in the game, saved Middlesbrough a point at Huddersfield. Bob Kelly had scored for Huddersfield in the first half, and Robson early in the second. Although the visitors snatched the point "at the eleventh hour," they deserved it.

Hibbs, of Birmingham, again proved himself a fine goalkeeper. His sound work did much towards earning Birmingham a point at Portsmouth. The home club, who had in Cook, at outside left, one of the cleverest forwards in the field, would have scored quite a lot of goals against a less steady defence. Weddle and Smith (J.) scored for Portsmouth, Hicks and Briggs for Birmingham.

A great crowd of close on 55,000 saw a ragged first half at Chelsea but a thrilling finish. Jackson was outstanding. Twice his shots knocked out defenders on the goal-line, but he drove wide for a penalty after Finney had tripped Gallacher in the goal mouth. Just prior to this, Blackmore, after a fine individual run, scored for Bolton.

Nothing would go right for Chelsea's subsequent storm tactics. Bolton having numerous escapes, although Jones kept goal with daring and skill. Miller hit the bar, and twice in the last two minutes Chelsea nearly got the equalising goal. Bolton's outside left, Cook, Blackmore, Jones, and Nuttall were the main reason for the Lancastrians' victory.

Two clever and undefeated teams lined up at Highbury, but the Arsenal were the cleverer side on this occasion and Leicester had to dip their flag for the first time this season. The winners proved that good football could be played in a boisterous wind. Hulme—his goal was obtained by a clever left-foot shot—Lambert (2) and Bastin scored for the Arsenal. Hine obtained Leicester's goal fifteen minutes from the end. Leicester lost Beby, their goalkeeper, near the end, but all the scoring had happened, and his absence had no bearing on the result.

Leeds United had a happy day at Blackpool. The home club's heavy defeat was due to two causes: the loss of Jack Carr, their inside right, who left the field injured in the first minute, and mistakes by their defence. Blackpool's forward line of four survivors struggled manfully, and often played well, but they lacked support from the men behind them. Though Leeds United won by such a big margin as 7 goals to 3, their play was very ordinary stuff. The best that can be said of it was that they made good use of the chances Blackpool's adverse luck gave them. Keetley (2)—one from penalty—Furness (2), Cochrane (2), and Turnbull scored for Leeds United, Upton, Hampson, and Benton (penalty) for Blackpool.

Sunderland overdid the close-passing game at Blackburn, and paid the full penalty. Bruton, Groves, and Imrie scored for the home club without reply.

On level terms at half-time at Newcastle, West Ham had the misfortune to lose Victor Watson, their dashing and clever centre-forward, ten minutes after the interval, and the depleted side fought a battle against odds—and failed. Starling, Cape, Cox (West Ham own goal) and Wilkinson scored for Newcastle; Earle and Watson for West Ham.

SECOND DIVISION.

At one period of the game—and that was in the second half—Everton were leading Port Vale by two clear goals. The visitors proved their fighting qualities by rallying and winning the game. Everton had only themselves to blame. It was sheer bad shooting that lost them the match. White and Rigby were Everton's scorers. Baxter, Pynegar, and Anstiss scored for Port Vale.

Faced with a deficit of two clear goals at the interval at Bury, West Bromwich Albion rallied in the second half and saved a point. Porter and Amos scored for Bury and Carter scored both goals for the Albion. It was an even game, and a draw was a just result.

Weak shooting by the home team, and the splendid defensive play of Porter and Ivill, helped Oldham Athletic to victory at Barnsley. Dyson and Littlewood scored for Oldham, Kelly for Barnsley.

Burnley are the first team to prevail at Wolverhampton. An injury to Bottrill, which kept him off the field for a lot of the game, handicapped the Wanderers. Page (2), Jenkins, and O'Dowd scored for Burnley, Hetherington and Deacon for Wolverhampton.

Charlton Athletic lost to a clever side at Bristol. Elliott, the ex-Chelsea centre-forward, was in fine form for the City. He scored two goals and Homer made their total three.

Plymouth Argyle shot badly, with the result that Swansea brought off a goalless draw. Hall gave Bradford City the lead at Cardiff, but the City reorganised their team, and Bird equalised. A draw was a fair result.

What has happened to Tottenham Hotspur's forwards? They began by scoring fifteen goals in their first two matches, but they have given some disappointing exhibitions since. They were weak yesterday at Stoke. Taylor and Armitage scored for Stoke; Cook for the Spurs.

Cock (2), Readman (2), and Smith scored for Millwall against Nottingham Forest at New Cross. A goal by Heslop was all the Foresters could get in a game in which neither side played well.

Gilhespy put Reading ahead against Southampton, who equalised through Jepson after the interval.

Preston were the better side at Bradford in the first half, Scott scoring after the home men had opened through Reid. Taylor put Bradford ahead, but Kilcar obtained a goal near the end to make the result 2—2.

THIRD DIVISION.

Queen's Park Rangers' halves were excellent, and Ferguson, Wiles and Coward gave their side a 3—0 win over Walsall. Southend were fortunate to get four goals against Bristol Rovers at the Kursaal. Their forwards shot well. James, of Watford, got the only goal of the match against Luton.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

Arsenal	4	Leicester City	1
Aston Villa	4	Liverpool	2
Blackburn Rovers	3	Sunderland	0
Blackpool	3	Leeds United	7
Chelsea	0	Bolton Wanderers	1
Derby County	1	Grimsby Town	0
Huddersfield Tn.	2	Middlesbrough	2
Manchester C.	0	Sheffield United	4
Newcastle United	4	W. Ham United	2
Portsmouth	2	Birmingham	2
Sheffield Wed.	3	Manchester Utd.	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Arsenal	7	6	1	0	24	9	13
Aston Villa	7	6	1	0	21	8	13
Derby Co.	7	4	3	0	16	7	11
Huddersfield	7	4	2	1	21	9	10
Sheffield W.	7	3	3	1	10	7	9
Newcastle Un.	7	3	2	2	17	13	8
Leicester City	6	3	2	1	11	9	8
Birmingham	7	2	4	1	12	10	8
Portsmouth	7	2	4	1	14	14	8
Leeds Un.	7	3	1	3	19	17	7
Middlesbrough	7	2	3	2	15	14	7
West Ham Un.	7	3	1	3	18	17	7
Sheffield Un.	6	1	4	1	14	12	6
Chelsea	7	2	2	3	9	9	6
Blackburn R.	7	2	1	4	16	13	5
Bolton Wan.	6	2	1	3	10	15	5
Liverpool	6	2	1	3	15	21	5
Blackpool	7	2	1	4	16	26	5
Grimsby Tn.	7	1	1	5	7	12	3
Manchester C.	7	1	1	5	10	20	3
Sunderland	7	0	3	4	10	21	3
Manchester Un.	7	0	0	7	10	32	0

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Southern).

Brentford	1	Gillingham	1
Clapton Orient	2	Swindon Town	3
Crystal Palace	7	Newport County	1
Northampton Tn.	1	Exeter City	0
Norwich City	2	Coventry City	2
Notts County	2	B'nemouth and B.A.	0
Queen's Pk. Rgrs.	3	Walsall	0
Southend Utd.	4	Bristol Rvrs.	0
Thames	0	Fulham	0
Torquay United	3	Brighton and H.A.	1
Watford	1	Luton Town	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Northampton Tn.	7	5	2	0	12	1	12
Notts County	6	5	1	0	18	5	11
Queen's Pk. R.	7	4	1	2	17	7	9
Brentford	7	3	3	1	13	8	9
Torquay Un.	7	4	1	2	18	13	9
Crystal P.	7	3	2	2	18	9	8
Swindon Tn.	7	4	0	3	16	15	8
Watford	7	3	2	2	12	12	8
Coventry C.	7	2	3	2	17	12	7
Southend Un.	7	3	1	3	16	18	7
Walsall	7	3	1	3	20	16	7
Gillingham	7	2	3	2	9	9	7
Fulham	7	2	3	2	8	13	7
Brighton and H.A.	7	2	2	3	10	13	6
Bristol Rovers	7	2	2	3	8	15	6
Clapton O.	7	2	1	4	12	17	5
Exeter C.	7	1	3	3	7	11	5
Bournemouth	7	1	3	3	7	12	5
Luton Town	7	1	3	3	7	13	5
Thames	7	2	1	4	9	17	5
Norwich C.	6	0	4	2	7	15	4
Newport Co.	7	1	0	6	6	21	2

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

DIVISION I.

Airdrieonians	1	Falkirk	3
Celtic	2	G. Rangers	0
Cowdenbeath	2	East Fife	1
Dundee	4	Aberdeen	2
Hearts	4	Hibernians	1
Leith Ath.	2	Greenock Morton	3
Motherwell	3	Hamilton Acads.	0
Partick Thistle	2	Clyde	0
St. Mirren	4	Kilmarnock	2

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. For.	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Partick Thistle	7	6	0	1	21	6	12
Glasgow Rangers	8	5	2	1	15	7	12
Celtic	7	5	1	1	20	6	11
Motherwell	7	4	3	0	17	8	11
Cowdenbeath	7	5	0	2	15	10	10
Greenock Morton	7	4	1	2	18	11	9
Dundee	7	4	1	2	15	11	9
St. Mirren	7	4	1	2	12	10	9
Hamilton Acads.	8	4	1	3	12	10	9
Hearts	7	4	0	3	16	15	8
Falkirk	7	3	1	3	16	17	7
Airdrieonians	7	3	0	4	13	18	6
Queen's Park	6	2	1	3	10	11	5
Kilmarnock	7	2	1	4	11	14	5
Leith Athletic	7	2	1	4	10	13	5
Aberdeen	7	2	0	5	9	14	4
Clyde	7	1	1	5	10	13	3
Hibernians	7	1	1	5	6	18	3
Ayr United	6	0	2	4	8	16	2
East Fife	7	0	0	7	7	33	0

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

EASTERN SECTION.

Guildford C.	2	Millwall Res.	1

WESTERN SECTION.

Bristol Rov. Res.	1	Plymouth A. Res.	0
Merthyr Tn.	5	Torquay Utd. Res.	1

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL.

Scotland	2	Ireland	0

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION II.

Barnsley	1	Oldham Ath.	2
Bradford	2	Preston N.E.	2
Bristol City	3	Charlton Ath.	0
Bury	2	West Brom. A.	2
Cardiff City	1	Bradford C.	1
Everton	2	Port Vale	3
Millwall	5	Notts Forest	1
Plymouth A.	0	Swansea Town	0
Reading	1	Southampton	1
Stoke City	2	Tottenham H.	1
Wolves	2	Burnley	4

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
W. Brom. Albion	7	5	1	1	20	9	11
Everton	7	5	1	1	17	10	11
Preston N. End	7	4	2	1	19	10	10
Wolverhampton W.	7	5	0	2	22	15	10
Oldham Athletic	7	5	0	2	12	9	10
Bury	7	4	1	2	19	11	9
Burnley	7	3	2	2	22	19	8
Bristol City	7	3	2	2	11	14	8
Tottenham H'spur	7	3	1	3	21	11	7
Port Vale	6	3	1	2	13	12	7
Stoke City	7	3	1	3	12	13	7
Southampton	7	2	3	2	7	11	7
Bradford	6	2	2	2	14	10	6
Bradford City	7	2	2	3	10	11	6
Charlton Athletic	7	2	2	3	9	12	6
Swansea Town	7	2	2	3	10	14	6
Barnsley	6	2	1	3	7	13	5
Millwall	7	2	0	5	12	13	4
Notts Forest	7	1	2	4	13	21	4
Plymouth Argyle	6	1	1	4	9	10	3
Reading	7	1	1	5	7	28	3
Cardiff City	7	0	2	5	8	18	2

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (Northern.)

Carlisle Utd.	7	Accrington Stan.	3
Darlington	4	Halifax Town	1
Hartlepools Utd.	2	Gateshead	3
Hull City	3	Chesterfield	1
Lincoln City	1	Doncaster R.	0
Nelson	2	New Brighton	2
Rotherham Utd.	6	Barrow	0
Tranmere Rovers	7	Rochdale	3
Wigan Borough	2	Stockport	1
Wrexham	7	Crewe Alex.	0
York City	8	Southport	1

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals. For	Goals. Agst.	Pts.
Lincoln City	7	6	0	1	15	4	12
Hull City	7	5	1	1	18	7	11
Wrexham	7	5	1	1	27	11	11
Wigan Boro'	6	5	0	1	13	7	10
Tranmere Rovers	7	5	0	2	22	14	10
Chesterfield	7	4	1	2	13	11	9
Accrington Stanley	7	3	2	2	17	19	8
Stockport County	7	4	0	3	14	16	8
Rotherham United	7	3	1	3	18	15	7
York City	7	3	1	3	14	14	7
Rochdale	7	3	1	3	19	22	7
Gateshead	7	3	1	3	9	11	7
Halifax Town	7	3	1	3	11	13	7
Carlisle United	7	3	0	4	15	13	6
Crewe Alexandra	7	3	0	4	10	18	6
Darlington	7	2	1	4	13	15	5
Doncaster Rovers	7	1	2	4	10	13	4
Southport	7	1	2	4	9	14	4
Barrow	7	1	2	4	5	15	4
New Brighton	7	1	2	4	5	15	4
Nelson	7	1	1	5	10	15	3
Hartlepools Utd.	6	1	0	5	10	15	2

LONDON COMBINATION.

DIVISION I.

Brighton and H. Res.	5	Reading Res.	3
Charlton Ath. Res.	5	Clapton O. Res.	0
Coventry C. Res.	2	Cardiff C. Res.	2
Fulham Res.	2	Portsmouth Res.	3
Luton T. Res.	6	Watford Res.	1
Leicester C. Res.	1	Arsenal Res.	0
Southampton Res.	1	Chelsea Res.	2
Swansea Tn. Res.	4	Queen's Pk. R. Res.	3
Tottenham H. Res.	4	C. Palace Res.	1
West Ham Res.	7	Brentford Res.	2

DIVISION II.

Swindon T. Res.	3	Aldershot	4
Folkestone	5	Bristol C. Res.	1
Dartford	4	Northampton T. Res.	2

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Boston	2	Newark	0
Bradford C. Res.	2	Barnsley Res.	0
Chesterfield Res.	3	Hull C. Res.	3
Doncaster R. Res.	2	Lincoln C. Res.	1
Grantham	0	Mansfield Town	0
Grimsby T. Res.	3	Notts Co. Res.	2
Notts F. Res.	7	Loughborough C.	1
Scarborough	5	Gainsborough T.	3
Scunthorpe U.	7	Rotherham U. Res.	2
Shirebrook	4	Bradford Res.	3
Wombwell	3	Mexborough A.	0

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Birmingham Res.	3	Blackburn R. Res.	3
Bolton W. Res.	2	Hudderfield Tn. Res.	1
Burnley Res.	2	Wolves Res.	3
Leeds U. Res.	2	Blackpool Res.	3
Liverpool Res.	1	Stoke C. Res.	2
Manchester U. Res.	2	Sheffield W. Res.	1
Oldham A. Res.	2	Derby Co. Res.	1
Preston N.E. Res.	2	Aston Villa Res.	2
Sheffield U. Res.	2	Manchester C. Res.	2
Stockport Co. Res.	1	Everton Res.	2
W. Brom. A. Res.	0	Bury Res.	2

Amateur Football.

CLAPTON'S POOR DISPLAY.

BARNET OVERWHELM ST. ALBANS CITY.

Many amateur clubs were engaged in the preliminary round of the F.A. Cup yesterday. The Isthmian Leaguers, KINGSTONIAN, were much too good for CARSHALTON ATHLETIC at Carshalton. McCarthy (3) and Macey scored for the Isthmians without reply. ST. ALBANS CITY, another Isthmian League Club, were not so fortunate. They went to BARNET and were decisively beaten. Morris (3), Gatland, Richardson, and Martin scored for Barnet, and Wyatt obtained two for St. Albans. WOKING overwhelmed WHYTELEAF ALBION at Woking. Watson (2), Craddock, Lockwood, and Warner scored for Woking, W. Haynes for Whyteleaf Albion.

Heavily beaten by MAIDENHEAD UNITED in the F.A. Cup competition last season, HAMPSTEAD, playing at home, turned the tables yesterday. Butland, Sherman, and Moore scored for Hampstead, Cam and Wilton (Hampstead's own goal) for Maidenhead United.

G.E. (LOUGHTON) surrendered their right of ground, went to LEYTONSTONE, and lost by 3—1. The play never reached a good standard. Cailos (2) and Batchelor scored for Leytonstone; Bartlett for the losers.

Isthmian Games.

Only three Isthmian League games were down for decision yesterday. The home clubs won two of them, and one was drawn. NUNHEAD, the champions, beat CLAPTON by four clear goals—but the big score flattered them.

WIMBLEDON won their home match with ILFORD—but it was a near thing. It was the opportunism of their forwards that earned Wimbledon the points. In all other respects Ilford were their equals. Bowden (2) and Hopkins scored Wimbledon's goals. Ilford's scorers were Welch and Dallow. Sawter of Wimbledon missed a penalty.

The draw was at Tufnell Park, where LONDON CALEDONIANS did well to draw with unbeaten DULWICH HAMLET. The Hamlet were the more polished in their footwork, but the Caledonians were always fast and often clever.

F.A. CUP.

PRELIMINARY ROUND.

Barking Town	2	Brentwood M.H.	0
Old Lyonians	1	Tufnell Park	5
Walthamstow Grange	5	Custom House	1
Leytonstone	3	G.E., Loughton	1
Casuals	3	Redhill	1
Carshalton Ath.	0	Kingstonian	4
Barnet	6	St. Albans City	2
Hampstead	3	Maidenhead Un.	2
Godalming	4	Wellington Works (Aldershot)	1
Leavesden M.H.	1	Enfield	1
Bexleyheath Town	1	Bromley	4
Grays Athletic	3	Walthamstow Avenue	3
Mitcham Wanderers	2	Leyland Motors	1
Chesham Un.	1	Apsley	1
Hertford Town	3	Bishop's Stortford	2
Chersham Un.	0	Camberley and Yorktown	5
Woolwich Polytechnic	2	Cray Wanderers	6
Brentwood and Warley	0	Grays Thurrock Un.	1
East Grinstead	3	Newhaven	0
Egham	3	Basingstoke	3
Sutton United	1	West Norwood	0
Ipswich Town	5	Leiston Works Ath.	2
Woking	5	Whyteleafe Albion	1
Hastings & St. L'n'ds	3	Hove	3
Uxbridge Town	1	Wycombe Wan.	0
Beckenham	1	Chatham	2
Dorking	4	Metropolitan Police	4
Hounslow	2	Henley Town	3
Wallington	0	Beddington Corner	2
Oxford City	2	Slough	0
Finchley	6	Aylesbury Utd.	4
Epsom Town	4	Tooting Town	1
Crittall Ath.	2	Colchester Town	2
Haywards Sports (Enfield)	6	Berkhamsted Tn.	3
Addlestone	1	R.A.M.C. (Aldershot)	7
Wood Green Tour	2	Watford Spartans	1
Erith and Belvedere	1	Royal Marines (Chatham)	3
Marlow	2	Southall	2

ATHENIAN LEAGUE.

Wealdstone	5	Hayes	3
Leyton	3	Cheshunt	3

RESERVE SECTION.

Redhill	2	Barking Town	3
Southall	5	Barnet	1
Enfield	7	Sutton Un.	1
Walthamstow Ave.	3	Uxbridge Town	2
Bromley	2	Hampstead	1
Hayes	5	Wealdstone	6
Cheshunt	1	Leyton	1

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

Wimbledon	3	Ilford	2
Nunhead	4	Clapton	0
London Caledonians	2	Dulwich Hamlet	2

KENT LEAGUE.

Sittingbourne	2	Dartford	2
R.N. Depot	4	Dover United	3
Northfleet	8	Folkestone	0
Gillingham	3	Tilbury	2
Sheppey	3	Margate	3

LONDON LEAGUE.

PREMIER DIVISION.

Chelmsford	3	Romford	1

SECOND DIVISION.

Standard Telephones	4	Romford	1

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE.

Cambridge Town	6	Midland Bank	2

SPARTAN LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

Windsor and Eton	7	Eastbourne Comrades	2
Leagrave	1	Hitchin	5

SECOND DIVISION.—EASTERN SECTION.

Apsley Res.	0	The Rovers	2
Letchworth Tn. Res.	2	Lyons Club Res.	4
Polytechnic	1	Ware	2
Waltham Comrades	6	Hertford Town Res.	0

SECOND DIVISION.—WESTERN SECTION.

Aylesbury Utd. Res.	5	Hounslow Res.	3
Berkhamsted T. Res.	9	Egham Res.	1
Hazells (Aylesbury)	4	Willesden Poly.	1
Maidenhead U. Res.	3	Farnham Utd.	2

CLUB MATCHES.

Lloyd S.C.	1	R.M.A. (W'wich)	0
Lloyds S.C. II.	0	R.M.C. (W'wich) II.	7
Old Lyonians Res.	2	Old Elysians	5
Ibis	6	Old Mercers	0
Ibis Res.	4	Old Mercers Res.	0
Alleyn Old Boys	5	Old Bancroftians	1
Alleyn O.B. Res.	6	Old Grocers Res.	4

THE GOAL SCORERS.

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL. — Scotland (McKenzie, McLelland).

DIVISION I.—Arsenal (Hulme, Lambert (2), Bastin); Leicester City (Hine); Aston Villa (Houghton, Brown, Walker, Waring); Liverpool (Hodgson (2)); Blackburn Rovers (Bruton, Grove, Imrie); Blackpool (Upton, Hampson, Benton); Leeds United (Furness (2), Cochrane (2), Keetley (2), Turnbull); Bolton Wanderers (Blackmore); Derby County (Bedford); Huddersfield Town (Kelly, R. Robson); Middlesbrough (Webster, Warren); Sheffield United (Dunne (3), Tunstall); Newcastle United (Starling, Cape, Cox (own goal), Wilkinson); West Ham United (Earle, Watson); Portsmouth (Weddle, Smith, J.); Birmingham (Hicks, Briggs); Sheffield Wednesday (Ball (2), Rimmer).

DIVISION II.—Barnsley (Kelly); Oldham Athletic (Littlewood, Dyson); Bradford (Taylor, Kilcar); Preston North End (Reid, Scott); Bristol City (Elliott (2), Homer); Bury (Porter, Amos); West Bromwich Albion (Carter (2)); Cardiff City (Bird); Bradford City (Hall); Everton (White, Rigby); Port Vale (Baxter, Pynegar, Anstiss); Millwall (Smith, Cock (2), Readman (2)); Nottingham Forest (Heslop); Reading (Gillespy); Southampton (Jepson); Stoke City (Taylor, Armitage); Tottenham Hotspur (Cook); Wolverhampton Wanderers (Hetherington, Deacon); Burnley (Jenkins, O'Dowd, Page (2)).

DIVISION III. (South).—Brentford (Lane, W.); Gillingham (Bethell); Clapton Orient (Vanner, Fowler); Swindon Town (Eddleston (2), Richardson); Crystal Palace (Simpson (3), Butler, Havelock, Harry, Clarke); Newport County (Davies, V.); Northampton (Bowen); Norwich City (Williams, Slack); Coventry City (Bell, Phillips); Notts County (Fenner (2)); Queen's Park Rangers (Fergusson, Wiles, Burns); Southend United (Crompton (2), Shankly (2)); Torquay United (Bell, Smith, Butler); Brighton and H.A. (Kirkwood); Watford (James).

DIVISION III. (North).—Carlisle United (McConnell, Armes, Watson (2), Hutchinson (2), Anderson); Accrington Stanley (Summers (2), Riley); Darlington (Hall (2), Bell, Wellock); Halifax Town (McFarlane); Hartlepools United (Pedwell, Cowan); Gateshead (McNaughton, Kennedy (2)); Hull City (Weldon, Alexander, Taylor); Chesterfield (Schofield); Lincoln City (Lax); Nelson (Robinson, H., Hawes); New Brighton (Oakes (2)); Rotherham United (Hick (3), Wheeler (2), Murden); Tranmere Rovers (Watts (2), Everest (own goal), Dixon, J. Kennedy (3)); Rochdale (Hargreaves (2), Lewis); Wigan Borough (Scullion (2)), Stockport County (Matthews); Wrexham (Lewis (5), Bamford, Mustard); York City (Fenoughty, Beck, Gardner); Southport (Wilson).

YESTERDAY'S ATTENDANCES.

The following are the attendance figures for the principal matches in the four Divisions of the League:—

Chelsea v. Bolton Wanderers	**50,000**
Arsenal v. Leicester City	**48,000**
Aston Villa v. Liverpool	**35,000**
Blackpool v. Blackburn Rovers	**25,000**
Manchester City v. Sheffield United	**20,000**
Sheffield Wednesday v. Manchester United	**20,000**
Everton v. Port Vale	**20,000**
Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Burnley	**20,000**
Bradford v. Preston North End	**18,000**
Crystal Palace v. Newport County	**16,000**
Brentford v. Gillingham	**15,000**
Wigan Borough v. Stockport County	**12,000**
Hull City v. Chesterfield	**10,000**

ROWING.

TIDEWAY CLUBS PROVIDE KEEN RACING.

POLICE WIN CAVE CUP.

There were many regattas on the tideway yesterday, and despite the blustery weather all met with good support. The racing in most of the events was keen, there being a number of close finishes at most centres where racing took place. Brief reports of the leading fixtures are appended.

LORD CAVE'S CHALLENGE CUP.

The annual eight-oared race for the late Lord Cave's Challenge Cup, which was originally presented for international competition under National Amateur Rowing Association rules, took place at Barnes Bridge yesterday. The holders, Oxford House R.C., a Lea crew, failed to keep their hold on the trophy, the Metropolitan Police A.A. proving successful after a keen struggle from start to finish. Results:—

METROPOLITAN POLICE A.A.—A. Jones (bow), R. Davis, J. Winchester, F. Eustace, G. Gazeley, F. Deakin, J. Miller, W. Shears (str.), and G. Smith (cox), 1; Oxford House R.C.—J. Clarkson (bow), C. Steel, C. Child, J. Mallard, F. Beakin, T. Smith, S. Brooks, W. Richards (str.), and L. Simmonds (cox), 2. Won by half a length. Chiswick Generals R.C. entered, but failed to start.

THAMES R.C. REGATTA.

The members of the Thames R.C. brought off their annual regatta at Putney yesterday, four club events and scratch eights forming the programme. E. Westbury, who was at scratch in the Sculling Handicap, was beaten by the limit man, R. Bradley (17 sec.), while the veteran oarsman, K. Vernon, with E. H. Deane as a partner, was beaten in the final of the Pairs. Results:—

RUM TUM SCULLS (John Lang Cup).—T. M. Nattrass, 1; A. W. Holden, 2. Won easily.

HANDICAP SCULLS.—R. Bradley (17 sec.), 1; E. Westbury (scr.), 2; T. Taylor (12 sec.), 3; E. Beresford (3 sec.), 4; A. F. Webber (10 sec.), 0; F. G. Catling (scr.), 0. Won by two lengths.

CLUB PAIRS.—F. E. Cameron Cox (bow) and D. Price (str.), 1; E. H. Deane (bow) and K. Vernon (str.), 2. Won by half a length.

CLUB FOURS.—F. E. Michaelis (bow), T. H. Tyler, A. W. Holden, and E. Beresford (str.), 1; D. C. Price (bow), R. W. Messom, B. S. Fidler, and K. Vernon (str.), 2. Won by a length.

SCRATCH EIGHTS.—G. Smith (Vesta R.C.), H. K. Fraser (Thames R.C.), J. C. Buckley (T.R.C.), A. F. Cumming (T.R.C.), R. H. Williams (T.R.C.), T. Scorby Jackson (Walton R.C.), L. J. Jackson (T.R.C.), R. W. Aitkin (T.R.C.) (stroke), and F. J. Gerring (T.R.C.) (cox), 1; R. Barnes (Auriol R.C.), A. Ford (T.R.C.), G. H. Thomas (Vesta R.C.), A. Tointon (T.R.C.), S. Hardwick (T.R.C.), A. W. Holden (T.R.C), W. B. Fuller (Westminster Bank R.C.), and F. G. Bunge (T.R.C.) (stroke), 2; R. H. Lord's crew, 3. Won by four feet.

TWICKENHAM R.C. REGATTA.

The annual regatta of the Twickenham R.C. was held yesterday at Eel Pie Island. Despite rough weather, all seven events were successfully carried through. Details:—

HANDICAP SCULLS (Clayton Cup).—H. N. F. Mackway (scratch), 1; A. J. Parker (18 sec.), 2; P. J. Nicholls (18 sec.), 3. Won by a length.

LIGHT PAIRS.—K. N. F. Mackway and C. J. Ament, 1; A. E. Liversedge and A. J. Parker, 2. Won easily.

CLUB PAIRS (Hayward Cup).—P. J. Nicholls and H. B. England, 1; A. E. Liversedge and T. Ruant, 2. Won by a length.

CLUB FOURS.—R. D. Were (bow), W. A. Tate, W. J. Collins, and L. Durrant (str.), 1; P. J. Nicholls (bow), P. O. Leverson, A. W. Couchman, and C. V. Manley (str.), 2. Won by a length.

VETERANS' DINGHY RACE (Remnant's Cup).—Gordon Tweedie and Dr. Clark, 1; Huggins and Keenon, 2.

CLUB EIGHTS.—W. L. Grantham (bow), A. J. Parker, P. J. Nicholls, P. O. Petersen, A. W. Couchman, A. S. Musk, K. N. F. Mackway, H. C. Watson (str.), and N. H. Thomas (cox), 1; A. H. Franklin's crew, 2. Won by a length.

INVITATION SCRATCH EIGHTS.—J. H. H. Sharpe (Anglian B.C.) (bow), J. Earl (Mortlake R.C.), D. Pew (Kingston R.C.), R. Platton (Twickenham R.C.), A. W. Couchman (Twickenham R.C.), R. F. Samuel (W.S.B.C.), H. L. Wilkin (Westminster Bank R.C.), G. A. Smith (Staines B.C.) (str.), and G. H. G. Booker (Molesey B.C.) (cox), 1; C. V. Manley's crew, 2. Won by a length and a quarter.

WOMEN'S RACES AT PUTNEY.

The Women's A.R.A., which now has Lady Desborough as its president, opened its regatta at Putney yesterday. The racing was very keen, and Lyons R.C. scored a win in the Novice Fours, while the Eights, which attracted eight crews, saw Cecil Ladies R.C. beat St. George's L.R.C. and Putney L.R.C. in the final. Details:—

JUNIOR SCULLS.—Miss Chamberlain (Furnivall S.C.), 1; Miss Matthews (Furnivall S.C.), 2. Won by two lengths.

NOVICE SCULLS.—Miss E. Taylor (Furnivall S.C.), 1; Miss Harris (St. George's L.R.C.), 2.

NOVICE FOURS.—Lyons R.C., 1; Alpha L.R.C., 2. Won by a length.

EIGHTS.—Cecil L.R.C.: Misses N. Wright (bow), V. Radley, O. Trusty, G. James, E. Glover, P. Iszard, K. Hughes, D. Fox (str.), and A. Gordon (cox), 1; St. George's L.R.C., 2; Putney L.R.C., 3. Won by a length.

THAMES A.R.A. REGATTA.

The September regatta of the Thames A.R.A., formerly known as the Thames Branch of the N.A.R.A., was held at Barnes over a mile course, finishing at Barnes Railway Bridge. In the Junior-Senior Fours for the Bishop Cup Excel R.C., the holders, were beaten in a preliminary heat. The Novices' Fours for the Propert Cup brought out twenty crews, L.G.O.C. Sports Association, holders of the trophy, entering three crews, two of which were beaten in the semi-finals. Details:—

JUNIOR SENIOR FOURS (Bishop Cup).—Final.—Leytonstone R.C.: F. G. Scully (bow), C. Doggett, E. R. Callan, H. H. Penrose (str.), and R. Penrose (cox), 1; Barnes and District R.C.: A. Lawrence (bow), C. Webb, W. F. Beasleigh, H. L. Harvard (str.), and R. F. Warmington (cox), 2; Borough Polytechnic, 3. Won by a length and a-half; half a length between 2 and 3.

NOVICE FOURS (Propert Cup).—Lyons R.C. "A" crew: N. Reynolds (bow), G. C. Warren, C. Ferenbach, H. Simpkin (str.), and J. E. V. Knowles (cox), 1; Lyons R.C. "B" crew: H. P. Staples (bow), G. W. Ware, H. Carney, A. P. Smith (str.), and H. G. Hale (cox), 2. Won by two and a-half lengths.

WEST END A.R.A. REGATTA.

Another of the series of regattas of the West End A.R.A. was brought off at Hammersmith yesterday. The Herbert Marshall Pairs attracted only five crews, but there was an entry of over fifty oarsmen for the scratch eights. Kensington Argyll R.C. entered two crews for the pairs, but the final went to Cavendish R.C. Details:—

HERBERT MARSHALL PAIRS.—Heat 1: Kensington Argyll R.C. B crew, 1; Clarence R.C., 0; Oxford Circus R.C., 0; won by 3 feet. Heat 2: Cavendish R.C., 1; Kensington Argyll R.C. A crew, 2. Final: Cavendish R.C.—D. L. Morsman (bow), J. R. Whitfield (str.), and L. R. Hayward (cox), 1; Kensington Argyll R.C. B crew—D. Slee (bow), T. R. Morrison (st.), and H. Hopkins (cox), 2; won by four feet.

SCRATCH EIGHTS.—A. Byatt (Kensington Argyll R.C.), J. Foley (Hanover R.C.), H. G. Pratt (Kensington Argyll R.C.), J. B. Butler (Holborn R.C.), G. House (Arlington), F. A. Satchell (Gresham R.C.), R. G. Rule (Kildare R.C.), G. H. Bellis (Cavendish R.C.), stroke, and G. Wakefield (Gresham R.C.), cox, 1; H. Ehren's crew, 2. There was little in it until near the finish, where Billis spurted and won by half a length.

At Hammersmith the Crescent R.C. gig pairs, for the Ross Challenge Cup, resulted in a win for A. G. Miller (bow), E. A. Jennings (str.), and W. L. Rombach (cox) by two lengths from A. B. Wood (bow), W. D. Culley (str.), and D. A. Speirs (cox).

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL.

SCOTLAND BEAT IRELAND.

SCOTLAND 2, IRELAND 0.

In the first amateur International of the season Scotland beat Ireland at Pittodrie Park, Aberdeen, by two goals to nil. The weather was threatening, and the crowd numbered only about 4,000. The ground was heavy.

Play opened quietly, and the Irishmen were the first to threaten danger. Clever play by their left wing culminated in a fierce drive by McCaw being blocked by Gilbert. The Irishmen were playing a fast open game, and for a short spell Scotland were on the defensive. Peden saved a shot by Doherty. A run by Crawford put Scotland on the attack, but the winger's cross was sent behind by McKenzie. Crawford was again prominent with a great drive, which Gardiner put over the bar for a fruitless corner. Scotland took the lead when McKenzie ran in to beat Gardiner with a great shot.

The crowd at the resumption numbered about 6,000. Miller now led the Irish attack. Scotland attacked, and McLelland and the Irish goalkeeper had a race for the ball, in which the latter just won. Ireland retaliated strongly, and Peden held an effort by Miller at the foot of the post. Bingham, on the Irish right wing, was limping badly. Except for occasional raids Ireland was being kept on the defensive.

Bingham gave his leg another wrench, and was carried off. Crawford had a good chance to increase Scotland's lead, but shot over the bar. Ireland battled on pluckily with only ten men, and attacked at times, but their finishing was poor. Gardiner saved in brilliant fashion from Crawford. The Irish defence was playing a great game, and time and again repulsed the Scottish attack. McLelland headed a second goal for Scotland in the last minute of the game.

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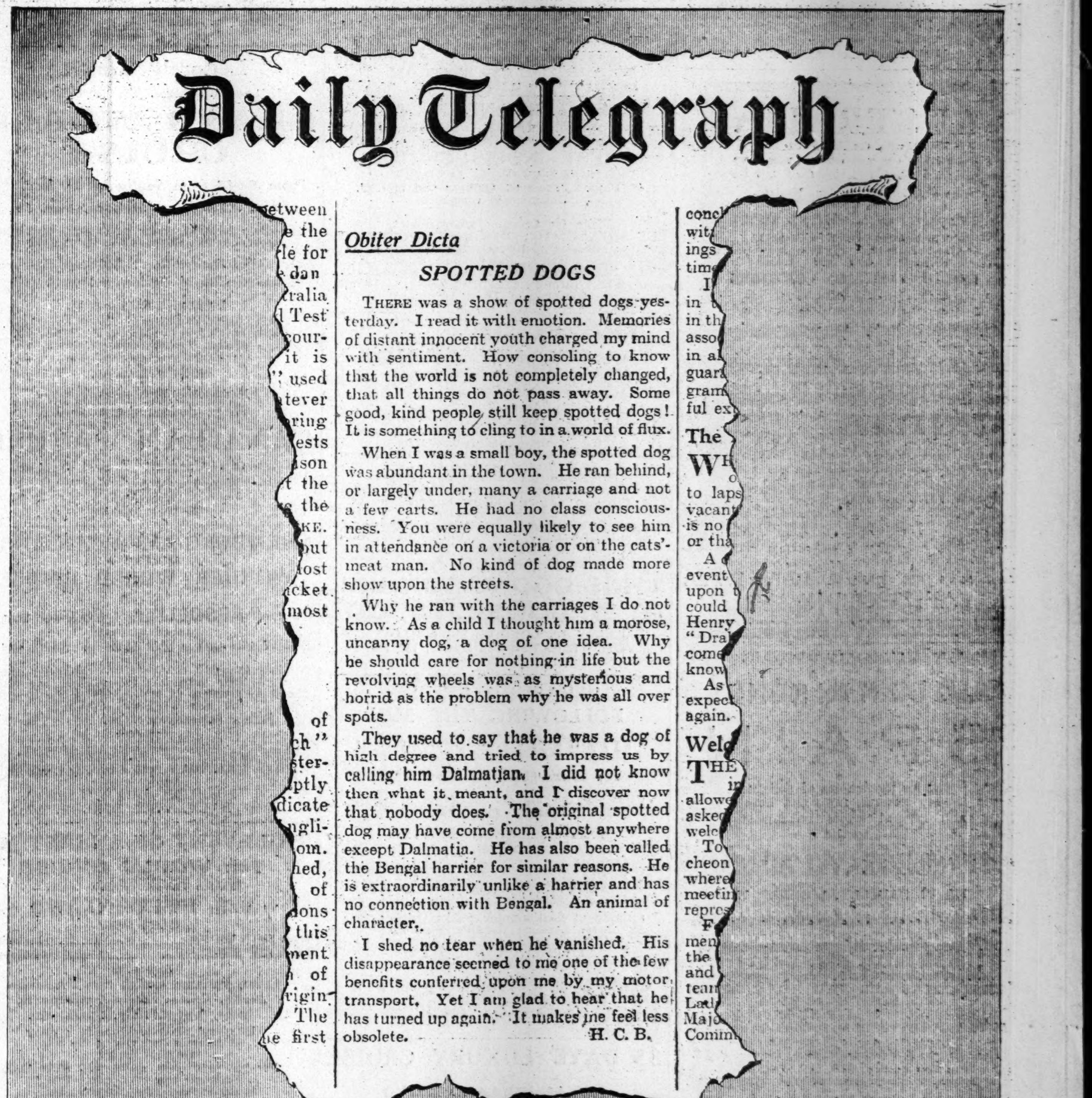

Daily Telegraph

Obiter Dicta

SPOTTED DOGS

THERE was a show of spotted dogs yesterday. I read it with emotion. Memories of distant innocent youth charged my mind with sentiment. How consoling to know that the world is not completely changed, that all things do not pass away. Some good, kind people still keep spotted dogs! It is something to cling to in a world of flux.

When I was a small boy, the spotted dog was abundant in the town. He ran behind, or largely under, many a carriage and not a few carts. He had no class consciousness. You were equally likely to see him in attendance on a victoria or on the cats'-meat man. No kind of dog made more show upon the streets.

Why he ran with the carriages I do not know. As a child I thought him a morose, uncanny dog, a dog of one idea. Why he should care for nothing in life but the revolving wheels was as mysterious and horrid as the problem why he was all over spots.

They used to say that he was a dog of high degree and tried to impress us by calling him Dalmatian. I did not know then what it meant, and I discover now that nobody does. The original spotted dog may have come from almost anywhere except Dalmatia. He has also been called the Bengal harrier for similar reasons. He is extraordinarily unlike a harrier and has no connection with Bengal. An animal of character.

I shed no tear when he vanished. His disappearance seemed to me one of the few benefits conferred upon me by my motor transport. Yet I am glad to hear that he has turned up again. It makes me feel less obsolete.

H. C. B.

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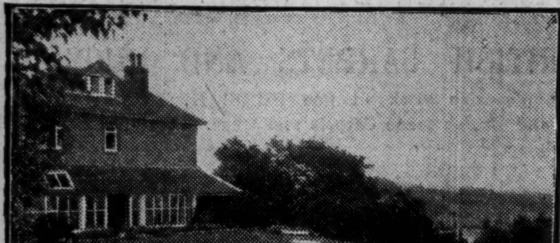

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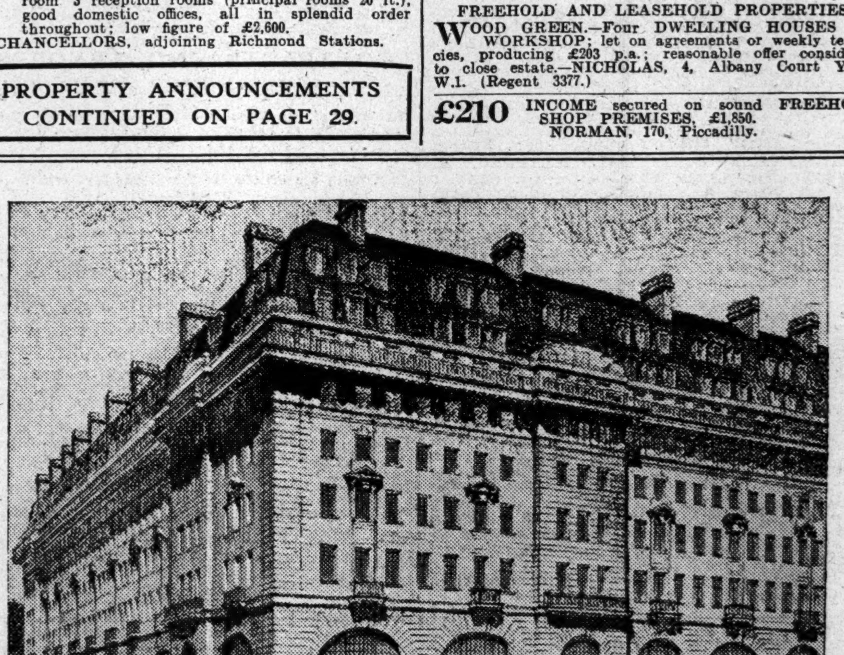

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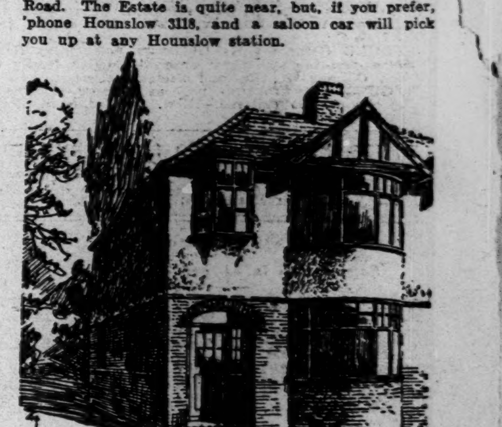

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